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FRENCH PRESS CELEBRATE DISAPPEARANCE OF GRAF SPEE FROM SEAS

ANOTHER R.A.F. RAID OVER HELIGOLAND

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—R. A. F. planes paid another visit to Heligoland light yesterday and bombed the German seaplane base at Borkum.

RUSSIANS ADVANCE 48 MILES

OSLO, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Heavy fighting has been resumed on the Finnish northern front, according to messages from Suvaivi, where the Finns appear to be retreating towards Pitkanjervi, burning everything behind them.

A Moscow communique declares that Russian troops have advanced 48 miles in the region of south Petsamo.

In central Finland, troops have advanced about 82 miles from the frontier and have captured the village of Kursu.

In the other sectors there is only scouting and artillery action. No mention is made of the fighting on the Karelian Isthmus.

11 Neutral Ships Lost In 6 Days

LONDON, Dec. 18 (BWS)—Between December 10 and 18 seven British merchant ships and eleven neutral have been lost.

The British are Cora, 751 tons, Saint Albert, 7,397 tons, Willow Pool, 4,815, King Egbert, 4,535, Marwick Head, 491, Deptford, 4,101, and Stanbrook, which is overdue and believed lost, 1,383.

The neutrals are Immingham (Dutch) 398, Garoufalia (Greek) 4,708, Toro (Swedish) 1,487, Algol (Swedish) 978, Rosa (Belgian) 1,146, Ragni (Norwegian) 1,204, H. C. Flood (Norwegian) 1,097, Strindheim (Norwegian) 321, Germaine (Greek) 5,217, Ursus (Swedish) 1,499, Magnus (Danish) 1,339.

In the same period one German ship Dusseldorf, 4,930, was captured and one Adolf Leonhardt, 2,990, scuttled herself to avoid capture.

Figures now available show that in the first ten days of December the number of entrances and clearances at United Kingdom ports totalled over 1,100 vessels of a total tonnage of over 3,000,000. Of these 1,100 vessels, 10 were lost.

AIR ALARM IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Central)—An air raid alarm was sounded at 10.35 o'clock this morning when the local Air Defence Headquarters received reports that a large number of Japanese planes had passed through Shasi presumably on their way to Chungking.

The Japanese planes, however, failed to appear over Chungking. It was later learned that the enemy squadron bombed Laifeng and Liangshan, in west Hupeh.

NEW AIR SERVICE

Special to the H.K. Daily Press LISBON, Dec. 18 (Havas)—Inaugurating direct air connection between France and Portugal, a tri-motored plane belonging to Air France arrived today. A new line has been established in co-operation with Pan American Airways connecting New York and Lisbon.

Italian Naval Men Say Scuttling "Incredible"

PARIS, DEC. 18 (REUTER)—EVERY NEWSPAPER REPRODUCES PHOTOGRAPHS OF REAR-ADMIRAL SIR HENRY HARWOOD, THE BRITISH CRUISERS AND THE FRENCH BATTLESHIP DUNKERQUE AND THE ENTIRE PRESS CELEBRATES THE GRAF SPEE'S DISAPPEARANCE FROM THE SEAS.

In an article stressing the solidarity of the British Dominions, the Excelsior notes that the crew of the Achilles was composed entirely of New Zealanders and "they were determined that their first blow should be a master stroke."

"They identify themselves with the thousands of men of the British Navy to whose traditions and spirit they have adapted themselves."

"The solidarity of the British Colonies and Dominions draws close around the ships of the Allies."

Sinking Was Only Course

HITLER'S LENGTHY ARGUMENT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Herr Hitler's decision to sink the Graf Spee was only arrived at after arguments, lasting several hours, with naval chiefs and technical experts, Reuter's special correspondent in Amsterdam learns from Berlin.

The possibility of making a dash out of Montevideo with a skeleton crew was discussed at great length but naval experts said that the vessel, on no account, should fall into British hands.

Much as it went against the grain, Hitler finally was convinced that sinking was the only course.

SPECIAL FUND

It is now probable that a special Christmas fund will be started throughout Germany to raise contributions to build a new Graf von Spee "as a present to Hitler from a grateful nation."

Decorations will be showered on the Captain and crew of the Graf Spee.

"Incredible" was the exclamation of naval men when they heard of the scuttling of the Graf Spee, reports Reuter from Rome.

The scuttling was taken as proof that the Graf Spee was more badly damaged than admitted by Berlin.

Naval men here consider that it would have been a better move on the part of Berlin to submit to international law to condemn a fine ship and a fine crew to ignominious suicide without a fight.

HITLER'S ORDER

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The official German News Agency states that Herr Hitler ordered the scuttling of the Graf Spee.

NONE INJURED

LONDON, Dec. 18 (BWS)—So far as is known here none of the officers or crew of the Graf Spee was injured. All but the skeleton crew, it is stated, were transferred in advance to the German steamer Tacoma, which followed the Graf Spee as she proceeded to her doom and picked up the remainder of the warship's crew as they left at intervals.

CAPTAIN ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The New York Times says that the Captain of the Tacoma has been arrested for taking out his ship without permission. Members of the crew of the Graf Spee aboard the Tacoma have been interned.

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RE-OPENING OF YANGTSE: SPOKESMAN EXPLAINS

Many Problems Have Yet To Be Solved

SHANGHAI, DEC. 18 (REUTER)—AMPLIFYING THE ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF THE YANGTSE, a Japanese spokesman stated that so long as military operations continued on the river, navigation and trade would be subjected to restrictions dictated by military necessity.

Asked whether it could be taken that trade and navigation that did not help the Chungking regime or interfere with the Japanese military campaign would be permitted freely, the spokesman stated that this was the general idea but the Japanese are not willing to commit themselves in advance since many problems have yet to be solved before the river is actually opened.

RIGHT DIRECTION—British shipping concerns are appreciative of the Japanese announcement of the re-opening of the Yangtze River below Nanking in the near future, interpreting it as a step in the right direction. It is pointed out, however, that the main portion of trade in the lower river comes from points between, and including Wuhu and Hankow, while trade between Shanghai and Nanking is very small.

RESTRICTED RE-OPENING—The Japanese announce that they are making preparations for restricted and conditional re-opening of the Yangtze River below Nanking, though the date for the proposed opening is not specified.

This announcement was made public in the form of a joint communique issued by the Japanese.

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THE MERCHANT NAVY BADGE, which the Minister of Shipping announced in the House of Commons would be distributed to officers and men of the Merchant Service and the Deep Sea Fishing Fleets next year.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced today that the submarine H.M.S. Ursula sank a German cruiser of the Koeln class in the mouth of the Elbe on Thursday last. The cruiser was screened by six destroyers.

Reuter learns on good authority that this action has no connexion with the reported attack on a German cruiser by the submarine which sighted the Bremen.

THREE SISTERSHIPS

British Wireless reports that three sisterships, Koeln, Karlsruhe and Konigsberg were completed in 1929-30. They are ships of 6,000 tons with speeds of about 32 knots, armed with five 5.9-inch guns and a number of smaller guns. They mount twelve 21-inch torpedo tubes arranged in four triple mountings and a catapult with two aircraft.

AIRCRAFT REMOVED

The aircraft were reported to have been removed from the Koeln and one other during 1938. All possible expedients were adopted for saving weight and electric welding was used for the hulls instead of rivetting.

The designed horsepower at 32 knots is 65,000 and the ships are driven by geared turbines with Diesel engines for cruising purposes. With 1,200 tons of I.X. oil, plus 300 tons of Diesel fuel, the ships are reputed to have a cruising radius of 5,500 miles at 14 knots and 10,000 at 10 knots.

NAVAL SUCCESS

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Further evidence of the success of Naval operations is contained in a War Office list issued today of U-boat officers and men who are prisoners in this country. Today's list contains seven names and there has been a daily list for the past four days.

GERMAN SHIP SCUTTLED

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The German steamer Antiochia, 3,000 tons, was scuttled by her crew while being pursued in the North Atlantic last month.

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CHINESE SMASH INTO KAIFENG: DESPERATE BATTLE IN PROGRESS INSIDE THE CITY

Continued Lull On The Kwangsi Front

LOYANG, Dec. 18 (Central)—For the sixth time since the fall of the city into Japanese hands eighteen months ago, Chinese forces smashed into Kaifeng, former provincial capital of Honan, last Saturday night.

According to an urgent telephonic message from Chengchow, Chinese forces were engaging Japanese units inside Kaifeng in bitter street fighting up to late last evening.

More than twenty Japanese magazine depots and store houses inside the city were set to torch by Chinese plainclothes men, the deafening explosion being heard for many miles around. The Japanese garrison forces were fighting desperately against increasing Chinese units amidst roaring fire.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

It is believed the Japanese casualties were far heavier than on the five previous occasions when Chinese forced their brief entry into the enemy stronghold.

The Chinese started their operations on the night of December 16. Under dim moonlight, they stormed and captured the southern gate and the western gate and in two columns smashed into the central districts of the city. Plainclothes men gave effective support throughout the operations of the main forces.

LULL CONTINUES

KWEILIN, Dec. 18 (Central)—The general lull on the Kwangsi front continued unbroken during the week end, where the Japanese activities were confined to erection of defence works with Nanning as a centre.

The Japanese garrison inside Nanning has been reduced to about 1,000 men, with another 2,000 scattered on the immediate outskirts of the city. Press-gangs by the Japanese were intensified, most of the civilians rounded up being forced to do highway repairing and supply transport work.

A considerable quantity of munitions inside Nanning has been recently forwarded to Wutsun, while four floating bridges were thrown

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GENERAL RETREAT PREDICTED

FANCHENG, Dec. 18 (Central)—Military observers predict an early Japanese general retreat in north Hupeh following vigorous Chinese attacks on Saturday which resulted in the complete disruption of the invaders' communication lines.

More than 10,000 Japanese troops are now isolated at Suihsien, Yinghsan, Anlu and other points, it is stated.

JAPANESE ANTI-WAR LEAGUE

KWEILIN, Dec. 18 (Central)—The Southwest branch of the Japanese Anti-War League in China will be established in Kwangsi this month.

A reception to cultural leaders here was given by the League's preparatory committee yesterday. Mr. Wataru Kaji, well-known Japanese leftist writer, presided and reported that there are similar leagues in Japan and that the China League is, for the time being, engaging mainly in propaganda work.

A service corps of the Volunteer Army formed by the League has been organised in Kwangsi under Mr. Kaji. There is a Japanese girl member, Miss Fuyuko Asano.

A monthly magazine, the People's Friend has also been published.

Mr. Kaji, it is learned, will shortly leave for Chungking. In his absence, his work will be carried on by Mr. Hideo Sakamoto.

Nazi Raid On French Post

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The Western Front is showing signs of increasing liveliness.

Further details of Saturday's German raid on a French post east of Moselle show that it was of an important character and well prepared.

SPIRITED ATTACK

A German company, which was probably reinforced by additional machine-gunners, launched a spirited attack, finally forcing an entrance to the post and taking two prisoners.

When the French reentered the post, they found the body of a German non-commissioned officer, two machine-guns and one sub-machine-gun. This is taken, in the absence of news to the contrary, to mean that the Germans took their wounded with them.

The Germans are also active west of Vosges Forest, sending out a number of patrols which operated "till nightfall. These operations, according to the latest information, were without result.

DAWN RAID

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—A semi-official statement gives a thrilling account of hand-to-hand fighting between French and German troops in a dawn raid by German reconnaissance units.

The Germans attacked in unusual strength for this type of operation, over 200 men advancing under cover of a protective barrage of artillery and machine-gun fire.

The attack was launched at about 6.15 a.m. in the sector east of Moselle and was repulsed with heavy loss after sharp hand-to-hand fighting in which the French resorted to the bayonet, after hand-grenade attacks.

ARTILLERY FIRE

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The war communique issued today states that it was a quiet night and there was some artillery fire.

BURMESE MISSION PAYS GLOWING TRIBUTE TO GEN. & MADAM CHANG

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Central)—A glowing tribute was paid to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek by the Burmese Goodwill Mission during their call yesterday.

The Mission referred to the able generalship and unflinching spirit of the Generalissimo in directing his nation at war and believed the sterling qualities of the leader should be the finest assurance for the Chinese people to emerge the final victor.

The Mission sincerely hoped that China's victory will not be far away "to redeem the supreme sacrifice of the nation for championing human justice and righteousness."

THE SOONG SISTERS

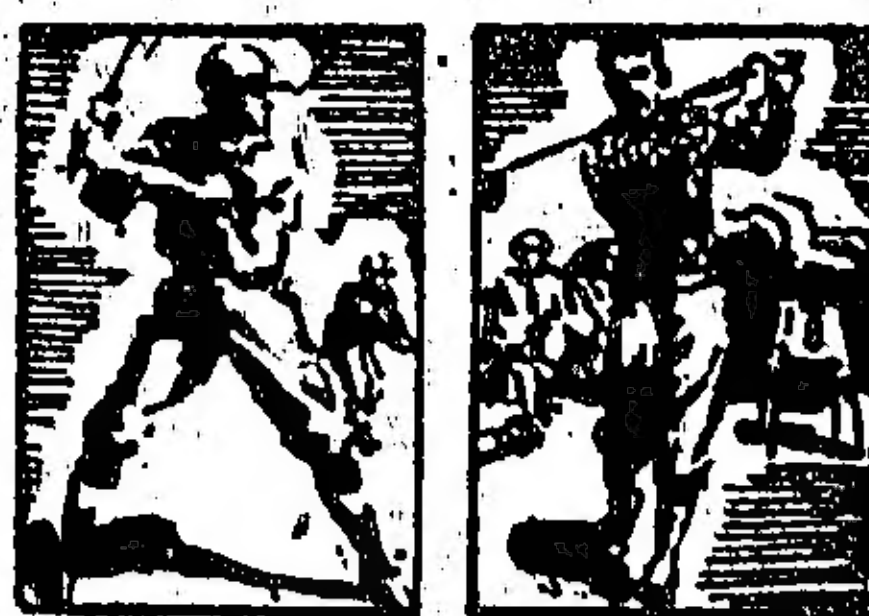
The Mission eulogized the three Soong sisters, and said Madam Sun Yat-sen, H. H. Kung, and Madame Chiang Kai-shek are truly representative of China's new womanhood. Just as Madame Sun assisted Dr. Sun Yat-sen in his revolutionary work in the past, Madame Chiang helped and is helping Generalissimo Chiang in his work during the past twelve years, and it is impossible to enumerate the various important achievements of the nation's leading couple.

Mr. U Ba Choe, member of the Mission, then presented the

BRIEF MESSAGE

Generalissimo Chiang replied in a brief message. He said that due to internal unity and external sympathy and assistance, China's historic war for national independence, East Asian safety and world peace has met and conquered its greatest difficulties and is now nearing final victory.

The Generalissimo thanked on behalf of the entire nation the Mission for their call on China and believed that relations between China and Burma will be further cemented by the mutual goodwill of the two peoples and the closer communication facilities that are being developed.



In the World of Sports



Good Attendance At Last H.K.R.A. Sunday Shoot For The Year: Fine Programme Arranged By H.K.P.R. Rifle Club

Close Results In "Belilios Shield" Competitions

The last Sunday shoot of the year was very well attended, a total of 122 members taking part.

The programme was arranged by the members of the Hongkong Police Reserve Rifle Club, who presented the prizes, and the thanks of the Association are heartily extended to them.

The weather was glorious, with a somewhat puzzling wind to make things interesting.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The results of the competitions were as follows:—

S.R. (a): Individual—200 and 500 yards. 10 shots to count. Nett aggregate spoon—P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 85.
Best H'cap aggregate spoon—Mr. V. R. J. Merrett (D.R.C.) 76.
Highest Range Score—200 yards—P.C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.) 44.
Highest Range Score—500 yards—Sgt. T. Baker (1/Mx.) 48.
S.R. (b): Individual—200 and 500 yards. 10 shots to count. Nett aggregate spoon—P.S. H. C. Hoo (H.K.P.R.) 92.
Best H'cap aggregate spoon—Sgt. F. S. Collins (R.A.F.) 82.
Highest Range Score—200 yards—Mr. W. Trenouth (D.R.C.) 48.
Highest Range Score—500 yards—Mr. H. J. S. Blake (D.R.C.) 46.
Fairs Competition:—
S.R. (b) P.S.M. V. W. Cooper (1/Mx.) 113.
S.R. (a) Cpl. R. Langford (1/Mx.)
Revolver:—
Nett Spoon S.I. A. C. Chan (H.K.P.R.)
H'cap Spoon P/Sgt. W. Gowans (H.K.P.)
Teams:—
S.R. (a)—First H.K. Police—468.
Second 1/Mx. Rgt—458.
S.R. (b)—First H.K. Police Reserves—524. Second "Kowloon Tigers"—511.

CLOSE RESULTS

Two "Belilios Shield" Competitions were decided and both results were extraordinarily close. The R.A.F. beat the H.K.V. D.C. with 497 points against 496.

The Naval Range Staff tied with the Hongkong Police. On the "count out," the former won with 166 points at 600 yards against 165 points.

SEMI-FINAL

The semi-final of the "Belilios Shield" Competition, which must be decided by Jan. 31, 1940, will be between:—

(1) The Naval Range Staff and H.K. Police Reserves.

(2) R.A.F. and R. Engineers

WEDNESDAY SHOOT

The shoot on Wednesday, Dec. 20, will be the last for the year, the next being on Jan. 3, 1940.

On Wednesday firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards spoon and practice, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

LEADING SCORES

The leading scores were as follows:—

S.R. (b)	200	500	Total
P.S. K. C. Hoo	46	46	92
Lt. Le Seclieur	45	46	91
Capt. P. P. Sequeira	45	45	90

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
BOXING.—Middlesex Regiment events, Nanking Barracks, 7.30 p.m.
HOCKEY.—Association Tourney, K.I.T.C. v. Royal Engineers, Soekunpoo, 4.30 p.m.

RUGBY.—Army League.—Royal Scots v. Royal Engineers, Soekunpoo, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW
BADMINTON LEAGUE.—B. Division, V.R.C. v. Recreio; St. Andrews v. St. Teresa's; Kowloon Tong v. K.C.C.

BOXING.—Middlesex Regiment events, Nanking Barracks, 7.30 p.m.

RIFLE SHOOTING.—Spoon and Practice Shoot, 200, 500 and 600 yards, Kowloon City Ranges, 1.45 p.m.

RUGBY.—Club "A" v. Navy "A", Club, 4.45 p.m.

NAVY V. CLUB A. AT RUGGER TOMORROW

The following have been selected to play for Navy versus the Club "A" tomorrow on the Hongkong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley. Kick off at 4.40 p.m.

Lieutenant Bax; S. B. A. Addis. Tel: Paul, Midshipman O. Rodan, Marine Jeffries; Stoker Gallagher, A. B. Kay; Cpl. Marron, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Ldg. Sig. Inglis, A. B. Longmuir, L. S. Spirit, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris, Paymaster Lieut. Charles, CnGt. Witter King.

Reserves:—Lieut. Commander Clark, Midshipman Tera, Sub-Lieut. Kennedy, A. B. Jeffrey, L. S. Wilkie.

REDSHANK WINS

The Ladies' Corinthian race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday resulted in a win for Redshank (Mrs. M. N. Luce).

Yacht	Finished	Pts.
Redshank	165911	9
(Mrs. M. N. Luce)		
True Blue	1700214	7
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)		
Jean	170016	5
(Mrs. V. Gowland)		
La Linda	170253	3
(Mrs. N. I. Johnstone)		
Guri	170317	2
(Mrs. L. A. Heiberg)		

WEIGHTS FOR FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB DECEMBER MEETING

The December Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwantl on December 26, starting at 2.45 p.m.

The following are the weights:

1—2.45 p.m. "The Tai Po Handicap": A steeplechase of 14 miles for China ponies. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.
Clownier 150 lbs; Ebony Idol 168; Mortmain 161; Three Farthings 152.
4 Entries:
2—"The Jorjacks Plate": 14 miles. A hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters. Winners last season of a steeplechase and/or hurdle race barred. Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Centre Forward: Emergency Call; Jack O'Lantern: Seventeenth of September; The Minx; Widnes.

6 Entries:
3—"The Hobart Handicap": 7 furlongs. A flat race for Australian ponies "C" class. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Ajax 162 lbs; Amber II 157; Brutus 158; Dick Turpin 140; Discovery Bay 145; Heinz 135; Macquarie River 145; Schmetterling 135; Tarzan 138; Zodiac 135.

10 Entries:
4—"The Canberra Handicap": 14 miles. A steeplechase for Australian ponies. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Bingo 155 lbs; Glorious Star 152; Iroquois 140; Kiola 148; National Unity 152; Sea Urchin 152; Spectrum 150; Tarzan 155.

8 Entries:
5—"The Fanling Cup": 7 furlongs. A handicap flat race for China ponies "D" class. Winners this year of more than \$1,000 bar-

HOLE IN ONE AT FANLING

Playing at Fanling on Sunday, B. O. Baldwin holed out at the 12th hole ("The Gem") on the Old Course in one.

The Bogey Par Pool on the New Course at Fanling was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

red. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Arabian Cat 140 lbs; Ebony Idol 148; Estover 155; Fei Ying 140; Golden Cow 155; Jack O'Lantern 145; Lancashire Chap 145; National Liberty 143; Piet Hein 162; Plain View 160; Popular Star 150; Sports Venture 140; Tempest 140; The Leopard 165; The Tigress 161; Tribute 140.

16 Entries:
6—"The Happy Valley Handicap": 5 furlongs. A flat race for China ponies classified "E" class. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Diogenes 164 lbs; Dow Jones 140; Gallar Marshall 158; Heddon 131; Heriot 161; High Tower 161; King's Envoy 140; Lucky Eleven 124; March Brown 158; New Bedford 155; Old Fashioned 140; Palmer 164; Rose Day 140; Tiger Eyes 140.

14 Entries:
The Cash Sweep Department 17, Cornhill, Rd. C. will be open on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 24 and 25, up to 5 p.m.

World Workers, Stooges AGA KHAN'S HORSES Win In R. A. Polo Cup

Penfold, Marshall And Forrester Outstanding

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY CUP POLO TOURNAMENT OPENED YESTERDAY AT BOUNDARY ROAD WHEN TWO MATCHES WERE PLAYED.

In the first game the Stooges (starting plus two goals) defeated the March Hares by the odd goal in nine in a good, interesting game in which Penfold was outstanding for the Stooges and Marshall and Forrester for the March Hares.

With hard, well-placed shots, Penfold easily defeated the opposing defence and was responsible for several of the goals scored by the Stooges while excellent combination and fast riding, especially on the part of Forrester, prevented the March Hares from a worse defeat.

The first chucker ended with the Stooges leading four-one. Three goals were scored in the second chucker which closed with the Stooges two goals ahead of their rivals, the score being five-three.

The March Hares increased their score by one goal in the third chucker but the fourth ended with the scores unaltered and the March Hares winners by five to four.

WORLD WORKERS WIN

In the second game the World Workers finished one goal ahead of the Locums in a seven goal game in which the last and deciding goal was scored just as the final bell was sounded.

Hunt played magnificently for the losers and with a little more support would have enabled his side to reverse the result. Bousfield and Whitehead "were the standout men for the World Workers and their excellent combination, hard and accurate hitting and fearless riding was largely conducive to their victory.

Scores were level after the first chucker, each side having scored a goal. Although both sides were pressing with equal vigour neither succeeded in getting a definite advantage and the second chucker ended with the score three all. No goals were scored in the third session and the game looked as if it would end in a draw when just as the end of the fourth chucker the World Workers scored their winning goal.

KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENT

The R. A. Cup is a four-chucker American knock-out tournament. The other teams participating are the Royal Scots, the Middlesex Regiment and The Ancients. The Royal Scots will play the Middlesex Regiment on Wednesday, and the winners will play the Ancients on Friday when also yesterday's winning teams, the World Workers and the Stooges, will meet in the second round.

Following are the players participating in the tournament, with their handicaps:—

STOOGES—Major R. J. L. Penfold, (2), Lt. P. Nicholson (1), Capt. A. F. D. Colson (1), Lt. B. R. Smith (1), Total (5).

MARCH HARES—Capt. H. L. Duncan (0), Lt. D. J. Marshall (3), Lt. B. T. C. Forrester (3), and Lt. R. A. M. Hennessy (1), Total (7).

WORLD WORKERS—L. A. Lewis (0), J. K. Bousfield (3), Major P. S. Whitehead (4) and Commodore A. M. Peters (0) or Major Way (0), Total (7).

LOCUMS—Capt. A. G. Atkinson (1), Lt. Com. H. G. D. de Chair (0), Capt. E. W. F. de V. Hunt (4) and Lt. C. Rochfort-Boyd (0), Total (5).

1. Lt. Moet & Chandon Dry Imperial Champagne.
2. Lt. G. F. Peppermint.
1. Lt. D.O.M.
1. Lt. Martell's Cordon Bleu Brandy.
1. Qts. John Haig Gold Label Whisky or "Perfection" Whisky.

RODE LAST RACE AT 83

Mr. Harry Beasley, Irish racing jockey who at the age of 74 won the Puchestown Cup at Ireland's "Ascot" in 1926, died at his home, Eyrefield House, Curragh, County Kildare, aged 87.

Mr. Beasley began riding when he was a boy, and had been a jockey for more than 50 years.

His youngest son, Pat, was married in August to 19-years-old Lady Alexandra Egerton, sister of the Earl of Wiltton.

"Master" Beasley, as he was called, rode in his last race at Baldyle when he was 83, riding his favourite white mare Molly into second place in the Corinthian Plate.

He won the Grand National in 1891.

RACING INTERESTS TO BE REDUCED

The Aga Khan, one of the largest owners and breeders of racehorses in the world, has decided to reduce very considerably his racing interests.

Although he did not start racing in England until 1921, he has won the Derby three times. He is the only living man to have done so and to have headed the list of winning owners on seven occasions.

His first Derby winner was Blenheim in 1930. Blenheim was afterwards sold to an American syndicate for rather less than £50,000.

The Aga Khan's best year was 1934, during which his horses won £84,898 in stakes. On the other six occasions upon which he headed the winning owners' list, the total amassed was £268,446.

Before the outbreak of war it was estimated that the Aga Khan's bloodstock in England, France and Ireland was worth at least £400,000.

KUMAON RIFLES DEFEAT RAJPUTS: SMALL UNITS HOCKEY TOURNEY FINAL

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, THE KUMAON RIFLES, beat last year's champions, Headquarters Company, 5/6th Rajputana Rifles, by two goals to nil to win the final of the Small Units Knock-out Hockey championship at Soekunpoo yesterday.

The Kumaons overcame a team that included four Army players, three of them also members of the Combined Services team, in a fast game.

Good understanding among the forwards gave them the first goal of the match when the right-winger, Hav. Ram Singh, netted on a pass from centre-field.

Rajputana Rifles tried hard to level the scores, but the good work of L/Nk. Partab Singh, in goal for Kumaons, and the poor balance between attack and defence did not permit this.

With some ten minutes to go, Kumaons added a second goal to their score as Rtn. Partab scored on a pass from Ram Singh at right-wing. Rajputana Rifles pressed again, but full time found the scores unaltered.

GOOD COMBINATION
Rajputana Rifles were best served by their forward line, where the combination of Shah Wall, Lt. Indarjit Singh and Lt. Pritham Kunwar Singh.

Nath was seen in several good plays. Datta Ram at right back RIFLES: Diwan Ali; Datta Ram, Sher Khan; Lt. Das, Mukh Ram, Narsina Ram; Shah Wall. Lt. Indarjit Singh, Lt. Pritham Nath, good account of himself. The in-Takht Singh, and Gopal Ram.

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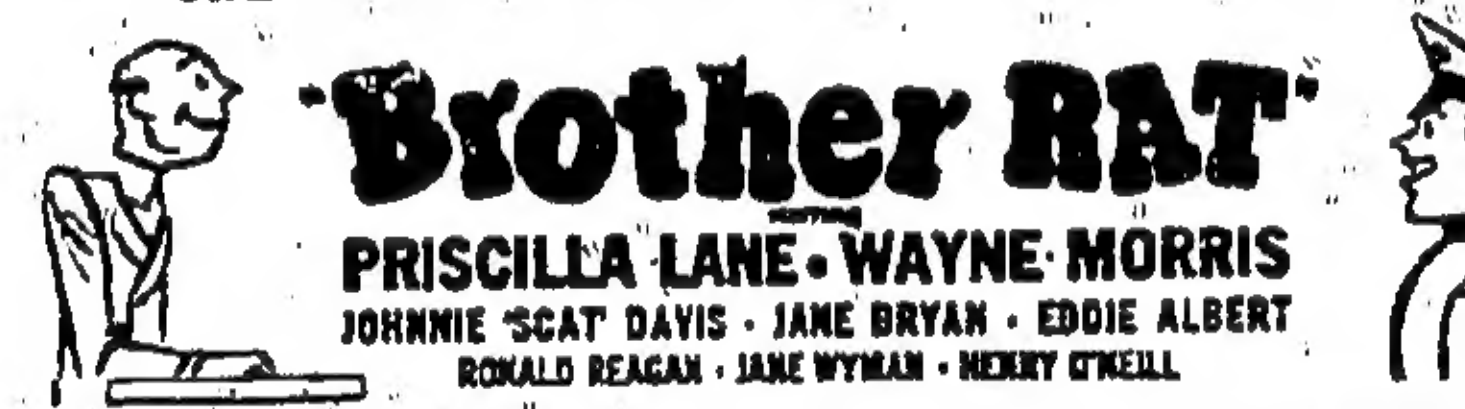
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"CARDS ON THE TABLE" AND OTHER RELAYS

Schumann Trio

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

"Top Hat" Piano Medley (Irryng Berlin); "On Your Toes" Piano Medley.

12.43 Hawaiian Music.

Slippery Fingers (Sneek); Fox-Trot—Serenade In The Night—The Keala; Hawaiian Players with Vocal Chorus. Beautiful Woman (Kahale).

William Walcott with Hawaiian Glee Club; Little E (Kaula)—Little Aloha; Kea with Royal Hawaiian Glee Club; Papalina Lahilahi (Noble)—Ray Kinney (Vocal) with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians.

1.00 Local Time, Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Variety with The Mills Brothers, Bobby Breen, Sandy Powell, Penelope Davenport and Harold Williams.

Vocal—Rockin' Chair (Carmichael); Chinatown, My Chinatown (Jerome Schwartz); Mills Brothers Quartet with Guitar. Vocal—Fisherman's Chant (film "Fisherman's Wharf"); Blue Italian Waters (film "Fisherman's Wharf"); Bobby Breen with Organ accompaniment. Comedy Sketch—Sandy Powell and Company. Piano—Sweet Devil—Film Selection—Penelope Davenport. Vocal—"The Vagabond King"; Songs of the Vagabond—Harold Williams and Chorus. "The Vagabond King"—Only A Rose—Doris Vane and Harold Williams.

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Cowboy: It's Got To Be Love (from "On Your Toes"); Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Tangos—Carmichael; Monika; Barnabas Von Geze; and His Orch. Fox-Trot—Tap Your Toes (film "Jack of All Trades"); Celebratin' (film "Limelight"); The Krakajak. Fox-Trot—There Won't Be Any Spring (film "The Flying Trapeze"); Waltz—Marie Louise (film "The Flying Trapeze"); Eddie Carroll and His Music. Fox-Trot—It Happened Down in Dixieland; Pagan Love Song—Tuddy Foster and His Kings of Swing.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Roses In December (film "Life of the Party"); Fox-Trot—Put Me Behind Bars—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. To Beat The Band—Selection—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends. Waltzes—Where Are The Songs We Sung (from "Operette"); Dearest Love (from "Operette"); Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Thanks A Million—Selection—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends. Fox-Trot—A Potty Day (film "Dance in Distress"); Nice Work If You Can Get It (film "Dance in Distress"); Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

8.25 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 Variety with Paul Robeson, Albert Sandier, Trio, George Tapline and Others.

Vocal—Roll Away, Clouds (Virginia—Waller and Tunbridge); Mammy (arr. Robeson)—Paul Robeson (Bass) with Chorus and Orchestra. Instr.—Faery Song (from "The Immortal Hour"—Boughton); Le Canari (Sola—Kin)—Albert Sandier. Trio. Vocal—"The Sorcerer"—Vocal Gems (Sullivan)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Violin—Bird Songs at Evening (Eric Coates); In My Heart—Hungarian Melody (Miklos)—Georges Tapline with Grand Organ of the Gaumont Palace, Paris. Orch.—The Midnight Waltz (Amodeo)—London Novelty Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—"The Hammer of God" by G. K. Chesterton.

A Father Brown thriller with Richard Goulden as Father Brown.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

Narrative of the Toredor (Turina)—Gordon String Quartet. Granada (Albeniz); Danza 5 (Granados)—Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano accompaniment. Cordoba (Albeniz)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano). Puerta De Tierra—Bolero (Albeniz)—Orquesta Sevilla.

8.30 Schumann—Trio In D Minor, Op. 63.

Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

9.02 A Song by Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano).

In Chamber Separée (Der Opernhaus)—Heuberg.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Postman's Knock."

Musical Comedy written by Claude Hübner, Paul England and John Wats; with music by Harry S. Pepper, played by Sydney Baynes and his Band. Cast: Claude Hübner, Reginald Purdell, Percy Parsons, Anona Wynn, Harry Longhurst, Cyril Smith, Philip Wade, C. Dehler Warren, Jane Carr.

10.40 Dance Music.

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Transmission II—News Summary 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

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do. 12.00 mid-night

Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Mondays—Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

Tuesdays—Background to the News 8.15 a.m.

12.45 News 11.00 p.m.

Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.

Wednesdays—In England Now 8.45 a.m.

Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.

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Thursdays—Matters of Moment 8.45 a.m.

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Fridays—In England Now 8.45 a.m.

News 11.00 p.m.

Saturdays—In England Now 8.45 a.m.

London Log 11.15 p.m.

Sundays—London Log 8.45 a.m.

"THE KID FROM KOKOMO"

Kid Laughter will win an easy decision over Old Man Gloom when "The Kid from Kokomo," the Warner Bros. prize ring comedy, featuring Pat O'Brien, Wayne Morris and Joan Blondell, opens today at the King's Theatre.

The new Warner Bros. comedy is just about the funniest motion picture that has come along so far this year and compares favourably with the best of any year.

Most of the humour revolves about the strategem employed by Pat, as a night manager entirely without scruple, to get the promising looking country youth, played by Wayne, to consent to leave the farm and become a professional boxer.

Heading the supporting cast is the ever-dependable May Robson, Maxie Rosenbloom, in a characteristic role of a dumb "pug"; Jane Wyman, as Wayne's girl friend; and Stanley Fields, as Miss Robson's gentleman friend.

TWO BOX OFFICE CHAMPIONS DUE IN HONGKONG

Cinema-fans will be interested to know that of eight box-office Champions in the United States during September, two were the M. G. M. productions "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Women."

A feature of the picture "The Women" is that the cast does not include a single male performer. The cast of women includes Norma Shearer, Rosalind Russell, Joan Crawford, Paulette Goddard and other female screen stars.

Both these productions are due to be screened in Hongkong in February.

Hyman Diamond, 35, of Pakenham-road, Edgbaston, who was alleged to have boasted in a club of having been in action on the Maginot Line, was fined a total of £50, with £14 lbs. 6d. costs, at Birmingham. He was charged with offences under the Defence Regulations.

COMING EVENTS

DEC. 19—Tides: High 1.07 a.m. and 4.46 p.m.; Low 9.09 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Memorial Service at St. John's Cathedral, 11—11.30 a.m.

Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m. Claims against estate of Gaston Desmuller due.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Mtg. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. G. A. C. Herklots "Mourning and Forest Scenes in Central Africa."

Anti-Aircraft Practice, by 3rd Battery, H.K.V.D.C., at Aberdeen Island, 11 a.m.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

Fellowship of Youth, Christmas Party, St. Andrew's Hall, 6.45 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Soldiers' Guild of St. George, Scand Point Hall, 7.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Council Mtg., 6.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Mothers' Union Mtg., 3 p.m.

20—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.; Low 9.57 a.m. and 11.46 p.m. Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m. Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m. Second and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.

M.C.A. Pantomime, 5 p.m. Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

Salvors' Home and Seamen's Institute: Invitation Christmas Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's, 8.30 p.m.

Bowl: H.E.'s Team vs Talkoo Club, Govt. House, 3.15 p.m.

Cheero Club, Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union, Church, Women's Guild, 10 a.m.

8 and S. Home, House Committee Mtg., 5.30 p.m.

Cathedral Women's Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Hall: Exhibition by Eric Freeland, 9 a.m.—8 p.m.

21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m. Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m. Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 4 p.m.

S. and S. Home: Servicemen's X'Mas Party, 7.30 p.m.

Cheero Club: Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. S. C. Leung on "Recent Developments in China."

22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Wilham "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Claims against Enemy firms (Vincent Singer and Wilhelm Meier and Co.) Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanling Lodge.

24—Christmas Eve. St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 6.15 p.m.

H.K. University, Christmas Carol Concert, Great Hall, 9 p.m.

25—Christmas Day. St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.

International Soccer. 26—Boxing Day. R.E.O.C.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Fanling Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwantai.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

H.K.C.S.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.

29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leung Chin Tse due.

31—New Year's Eve. Rizal Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church: "Old Year's Day Services. Football Field, First Round. Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m. Theological Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations."

"BLIND ALLEY" AT MAJESTIC TOMORROW

Mingling rapid-fire melodramatic action with a searching psychological study, Columbia's "Blind Alley," will be screened at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow. It is one of the most outstanding screen hits.

The dramatic intensity of the new film is due, in part, to its sensational story of contemporary life; in part to its skilful and understanding treatment of a difficult theme; in part to the technical perfection of its cast, writers and director.

One of the most important roles that ever has fallen to that capable actor, Ralph Bellamy, is given to him in "Blind Alley." As the professor of psychology, he creates a richly shaded portrait.

Chesler Morris, in the exacting role of the gangster, is another deserving plentiful plaudits. The part calls for a highly volatile brand of emotionalism, yet Morris never lets the character run away from him. He is vivid and colourful.

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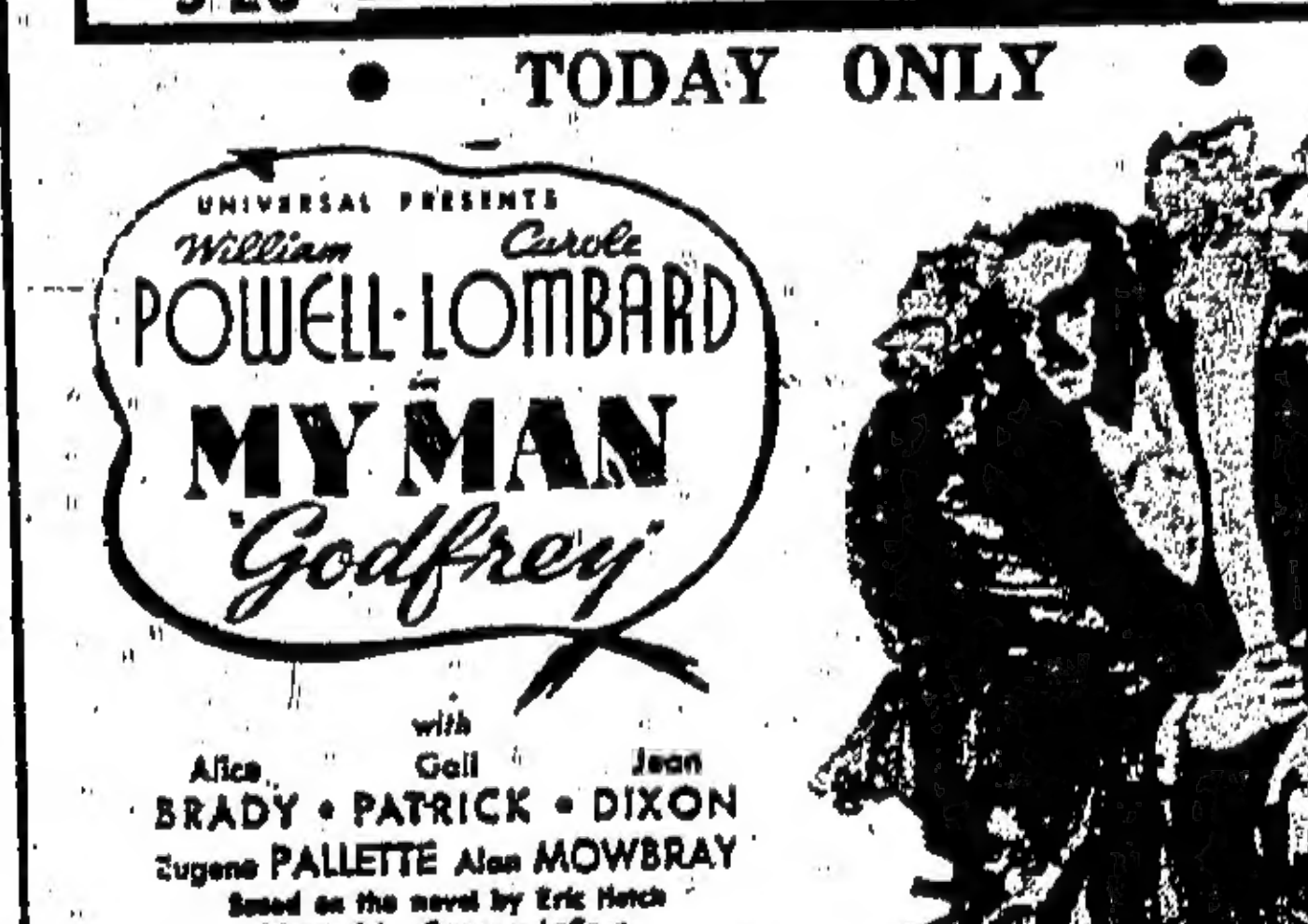
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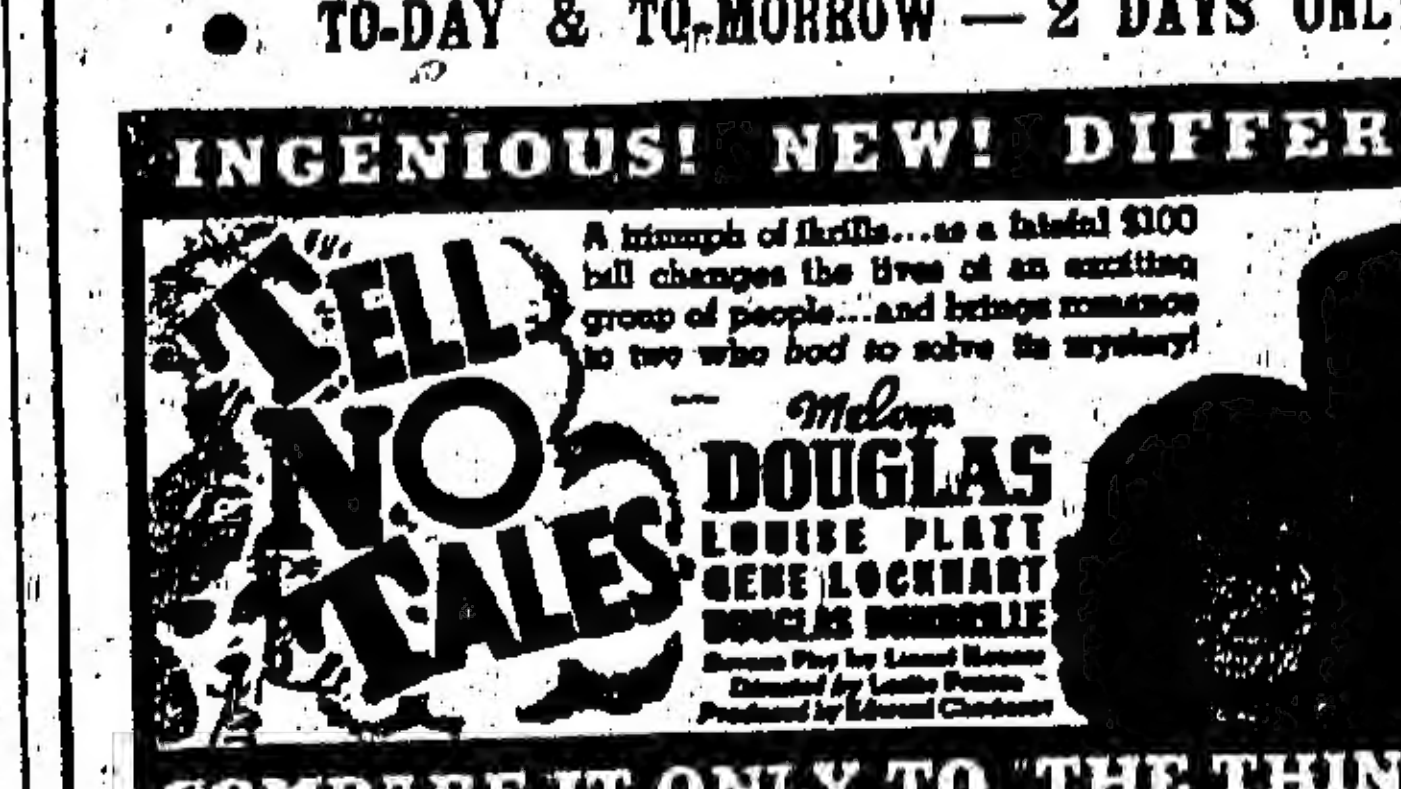
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Living Costs Rise In Shanghai

PURCHASING POWER OF CHINESE DOLLAR

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—The cost of living in Shanghai continues to mount steadily, as shown by records drawn up by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

According to these records, the following increases in Nov., 1939 as compared with the average for 1938, are noted:

Food, shows an increase of 149.63 per cent.
Rent, shows an increase of 182.41 per cent.
Clothing, shows an increase of 115.28 per cent.
Fuel & Light, show an increase of 205.81 per cent.

These figures relate to native products only, imported articles rising in direct relation to foreign exchange.

The purchasing power of the Chinese dollar, according to these statistics, is 39.29 per cent of its value in 1938.

ANTI-CRAFT MOVE IN SUIYUAN

WUYUAN, SUIYUAN, Dec. 18 (Central).—Gen. Fu Tso-yi, Chairman of the Suiyuan Provincial Government, has launched a campaign to eradicate graft.

By his order an official named Ning was executed on December 14 on a charge of receiving a \$4,000 bribe on his tour to the Jiehe Cho League to inspect opium suppression recently.

Mr. S. C. Leung will address the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at their tiffin meeting at St. Francis Hotel on Thursday on "Recent Developments in China."

CARGO FLEET FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Sir Ashley Sparks, representative of the British Ministry of Shipping, will, it is understood, head the delegation in New York negotiating to purchase a fleet of cargo vessels.

EMPIRE AIR TRAINING

AGREEMENT SIGNED IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Empire Air Training agreement was signed yesterday by the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, and Lord Ryerdale, head of the British delegation to the Empire Air Training Conference.

Lord Ryerdale also initialled the agreement on behalf of Australia and New Zealand. Details will be announced later.

NAZI PLANES DRIVEN OFF

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced that enemy aircraft appeared at several points off the East Coast late yesterday afternoon. Anti-aircraft guns fired for a short time in the Humber district.

Fighters engaged the enemy and pursued them out to sea. No air raid warning was sounded.

FIRING PRACTICE

Light Gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight today and tomorrow.

Firing Area 'E' will be affected.

Sanyo Maru Released

GOODS COVERED BY GUARANTEES

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Japanese vessel, Sanyo Maru was released from the contraband control base after a stay of twenty-four hours.

According to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, it was only necessary to verify her cargo which did not include any other goods of German origin not covered by Japanese guarantees.

NEUTRAL PROPERTY

A British Wireless message adds that assurances had previously been given by the Japanese Government that all the goods of German origin on board had been paid for before Nov. 27.

It will be remembered that official statements issued with the Order-in-Council on Nov. 27 stated that exemption might be given for goods of German origin which had become neutral property prior to that date. It was consequently only necessary when the Sanyo Maru arrived in the Downs to verify that her cargo did not include any other goods of German origin not covered by the Japanese guarantees.

ZIONIST LEADER MADE PRESIDENT

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Zionist leader, Prof. Zelig Bordeisky, was elected President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, in succession to Mr. Neville Laski, who retired recently.

Over 1,000 people attended a memorial service for the late Mr. Ma Hsiang-po, centenary statesman and scholar, at the Provincial Government Auditorium in Kweilin on Sunday. Gen. Huang Hsu-chu, Governor of Kwangsi, who officiated, gave the memorial speech.

Mr. George Wilson, a general foreman, who served at Windsor Castle in five reigns, retired on pension.



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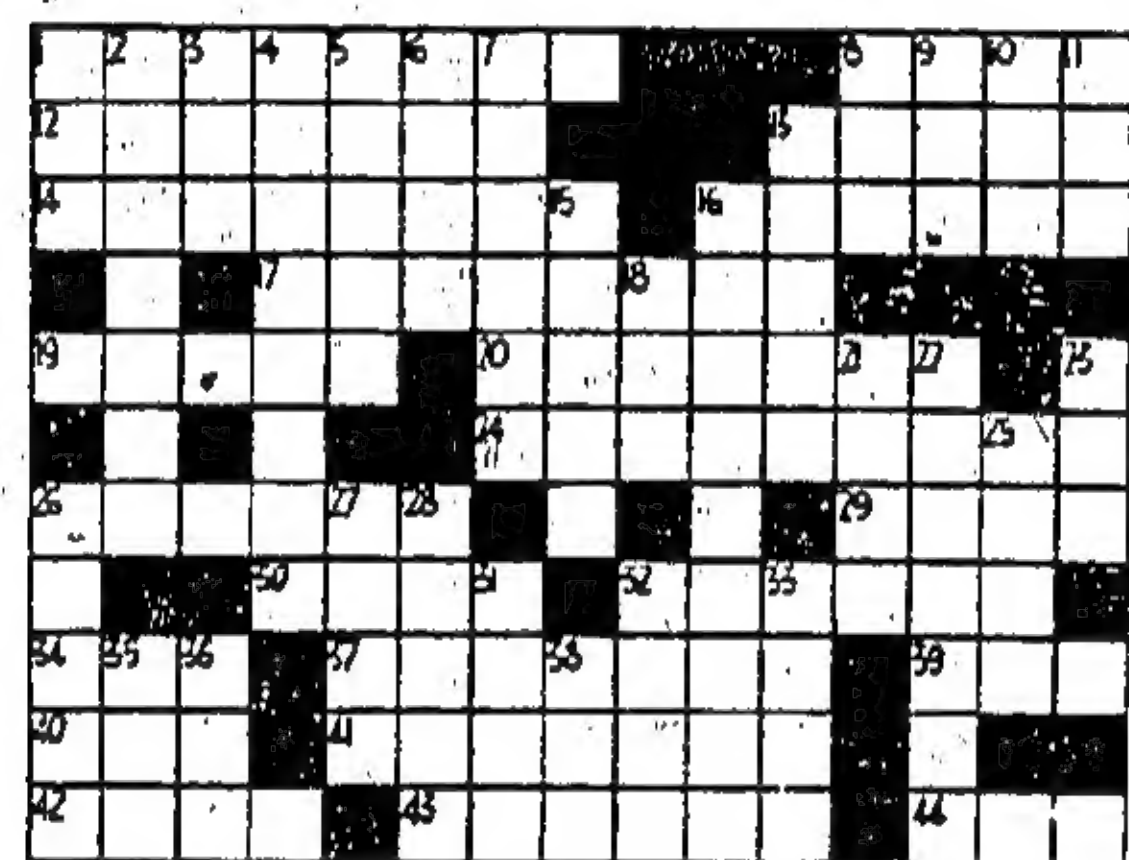
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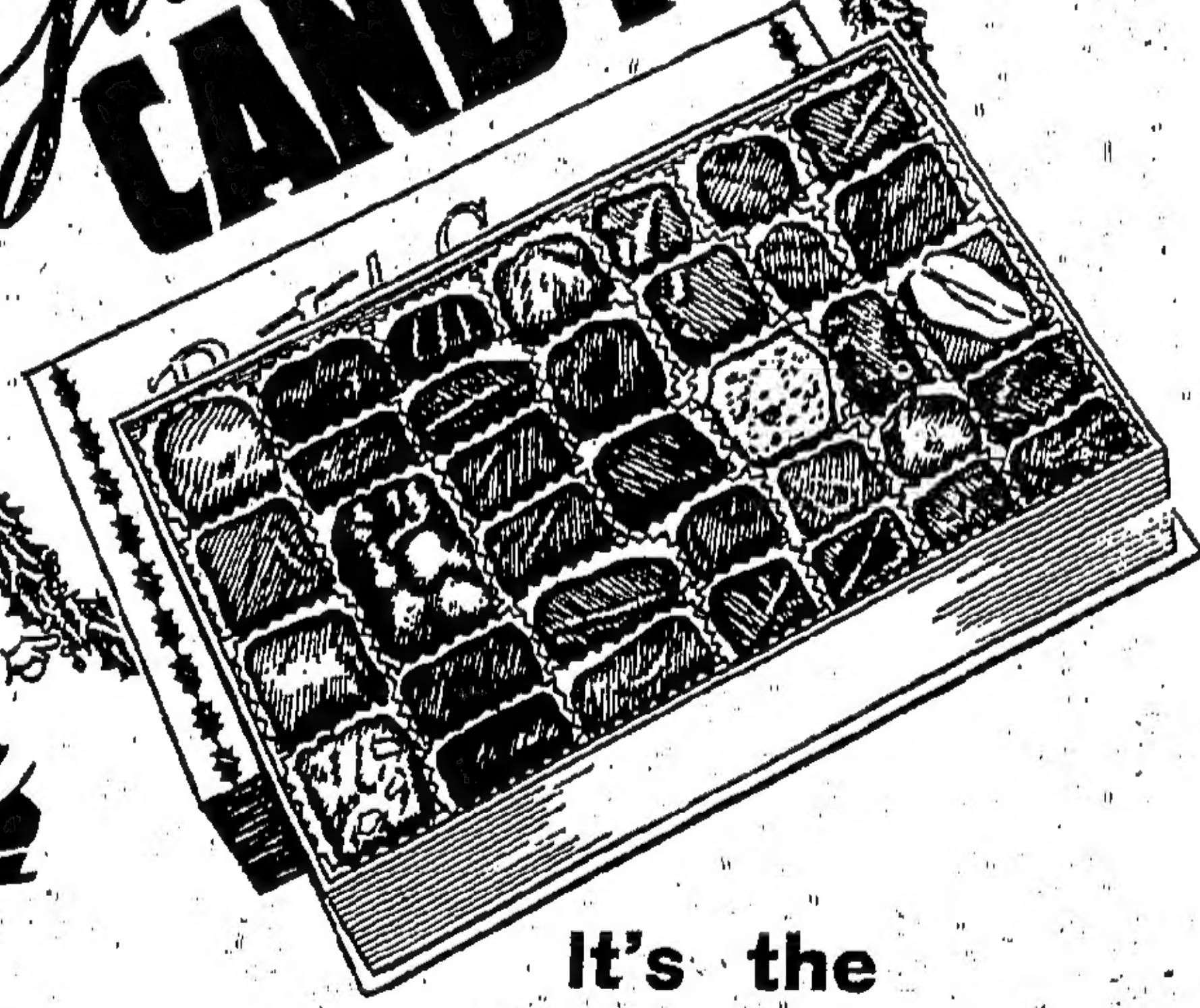
CLUES ACROSS

1. Do it, and you won't forget
2. Get at or put down for a list
12. Sport for sport's sake, he says
13. May be added in court or thrown off on course
14. A parental way of feeling
15. Do again, i.e. do
17. Landlady may not mince matters if boarders complain about these
19. Colour
20. I defied to be improved by so simple a change
24. Need it not become a sort of confinement
26. Right in the middle
29. This one contains seven words, for example
30. Next is leap
32. He is in mess
34. No woman appears before her
37. Stupid to finish with one over the eight
39. They start mending, however helpless they are
40. Nail with head knocked off
41. Sambo's safest policy for it might be sitting on it
42. To construct—though it's half made to begin with
43. One may post one for post if unemployed
44. To the point, naturally
1. Batter one may bring the house down
2. Neat Mae will come out when she's changed
3. You may wear out your welcome if you stand on this
4. Endless time
5. Goodness, this should certainly be recognized and encouraged
6. Take a rebuff the wrong way—from baker probably
7. Rubbed out
8. There's a grave suggestion about this tear
9. Not an epic poem but you get it in good epic
10. Does golfer want one at the 19th?
11. Craft
13. Fiddler uses, though with middle out it interests saddler more
15. Fifty of 9 down worked by miners
16. Ere fence has changed, you have an allusion
18. Illuminated—or just drunk
21. Seriously, it's part of sketch to bite copper
22. Problem ended by woman
23. A singular thing about honesty
25. Though in no use, it flows in many counties
26. The unmusical part of screaming
27. Well this means a wide acquaintance with books
28. Lease for studio furniture
31. If in the Engineers, it's everywhere
32. The flavour of money?
33. Without a telescope he sees far ahead
35. By way of
36. Kind of deer found in kind of shell-fish
38. Backward numerically, but made of 32 across

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PATRIOTIC SENTIMENTS OF CHINESE YOUTH

Elaborate plans have been mapped out by the
Three People's Principles Youth Corps Headquarters in
Chungking and ratified by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-
shek, Colonel of the Youth Corps.

The chief object is to call forth the patriotic
sentiments of the Chinese youth.

Recently, an order has
been proclaimed by Gener-
alissimo Chiang to all divisions
of the Youth Corps in various
provinces to undertake this
Spiritual Mobilization Move-
ment. The period is extended
from December 15 and will
last for a fortnight.

THE PLANS

The plans are as follows:—

- (1) To preserve peace and
order of the country;
- (2) To ameliorate the sani-
tary conditions;
- (3) To promote the pro-
paganda work in time of war;
- (4) To help the Government
to promote the conscription
movement;
- (5) To promote the cultiva-
tion movement;
- (6) To exterminate the
traitors and spies;
- (7) To give aid to the
wounded soldiers and refugees;
- (8) To support the "winter
garments campaign";
- (9) To render service to
the forces at the front;
- (10) To help and educate
the refugees.

PROPAGANDA WORK

Among the notable plans that
have been already mapped out,
the most important are the pro-
motion of the propaganda work in
time of war and the support of
the "winter garments campaign."

To fully endorse these plans the
Canton University English Club
has done a great deal to make
them a success. Besides, the Can-
ton University Students' Relief
Association has made elaborate
preparations to raise funds to sup-
port the "winter garments move-
ment."

AN APPEAL

Finally, the Canton University
English Club ardently appeals to
all Universities and middle schools
in Hongkong to give their valuable
assistance in order to make the
winter garments campaign a big
success.

HEROIN PILLS SEIZED IN RAID

Three Men Gaoled At Sessions

Charged at the Criminal Sessions
yesterday, before Mr. Justice R. E.
Lindsay, with unlawful possession
of 39,150 heroin pills and 64 1/2
ounces of heroin ingredients suffi-
cient to make a further 84,750
pills, three men, Wong Wing, So
Mau and Leung Sang, were each
sentenced to two and a half years'
hard labour.

A woman, Ma Lal, who was
jointly charged with the offence,
was recommended for mercy by
the jury, and His Lordship post-
poned sentence in her case till this
morning.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown
Solicitor, said that the discovery
of the drugs was made as the
result of a raid on a hut in Tai
Hang carried out by Revenue offi-
cers on November 3.

The woman pleaded, that she was
only the cook.

The jury consisted of Messrs. M.
Beraha (foreman), Ip Fook-sing,
M. Y. Krivos, W. M. Mehal, Pong
Chiu-chun, W. L. Cunningham and
Lo Pak-him.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND

Tuesday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hong-
kong.

Delphinus—4 p.m.

Thursday: Bangkok, Hanoi,
Hongkong.

Della—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Wednesday: Hanoi, Bangkok,
Denebola—7 a.m.

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi,
Hongkong.

Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France.

Service—4 a.m.

Pan American Airways:

EASTBOUND

Tuesday: U.S.A., Manila, Hong-
kong.

China Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Wednesday: Manila, U.S.A.

China Clipper—8.30 a.m.

NOTE:—Pan American Airways
China Clipper which was due to
arrive in Hongkong yesterday was
delayed in Manila and is now ex-
pected here this afternoon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY

A memorial service in com-
memoration of Lt. Cmdr. R. C. M.
White and Officers and Men of
H.M.S. Duchess, which was lost re-
cently, will be held in St. John's
Cathedral at 11 a.m. today.

High naval officials will attend,
while the Army will be represented
by Brigadier A. B. Thomson, M.B.E., Assistant Adjutant and
Quartermaster General, Col. A. G.
Neville, M.C., G.S.O.I., Major R. E.
Moody, Staff Captain, and others.

The Government is also expected
to be represented.

ALLEGATION BY BANISHEE

DRAGGED ACROSS BORDER

"The allegation that" village
patrolmen had dragged him across
the border from Chinese territory,
after he had refused to give them
two rifles that he was carrying,
was made by Wan Wah, alias Wan
Shui-chuen, when he was charged
at the Criminal Sessions yesterday,
before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsay,
with a breach of the Deportation
Ordinance.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown
Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that
Wan was found in a field near
Luk Wu Village, close to the border,
by three village patrolmen. He
was at the time walking from San
Uk Ling to Takuling, and had two
rifles with him. The patrolmen
arrested him and handed him to
the military, who later turned ac-
cused over to the police.

HAILED ACCUSED

Evidence was given, amongst
others, by three patrolmen of Luk
Wu Village, who said that they
hailed accused as they thought
that he had gone into the field to
steal vegetables.

Accused's allegation that he was
seized first in Chinese territory,
and then dragged across a stream
to British territory, was denied.

Without retriving, the jury, com-
prising of Messrs. G. B. Wiltchell,
A. G. Sufiad, Ho Chiu-tung, Lim
Kim-chong, Tam Man-chiu, Han-
son Faung Shou-hwang and Tsui
Ho-tseung, found defendant guilty.
His Lordship then passed sen-
tence of two-and-a-half years'
hard labour.

Happy Children's Xmas Party Held In Kowloon

DELIGHTFUL FOR ITS INFORMALITY AND THE HAPPY
SPIRIT THAT PREVAILED throughout was the Christmas Party
of the Loloma Kindergarten held in St. Andrew's Church Hall,
Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. The sumptuous repast was kindly
prepared by the parents and the kiddies had a very enjoyable
time.

Gifts kindly donated by Mr. C. E.
Terry were distributed by Father
Christmas (Mr. A. C. Jeffreys).

A nativity play, produced by
Pauline Jeffreys, proved an un-
qualified success the players being
Christine Offenberg (Mary), Chris-
tian Deveau (Joseph), Anne Offen-
berg (Inn-keeper), Rosemary Orr
(First shepherd), Jean Wallace
(Second shepherd), Igor Tomes
(Third shepherd), Rosemarie Arndt
(Angel), Jacqueline James (First
king), Elizabeth Brailsford (Second
king) and Jack Thomas (Third
king).

Of the nursery rhymes present-
ed, Sing a Song of Sixpence was
the most outstanding. Wendy
Duncan, as the Blackbird, Sally
Gaby, as the Queen, Ronnie Miller,
as the King, Fiona McAdam and
the tiny two and three-year-olds
were splendid.

DANCE NUMBER

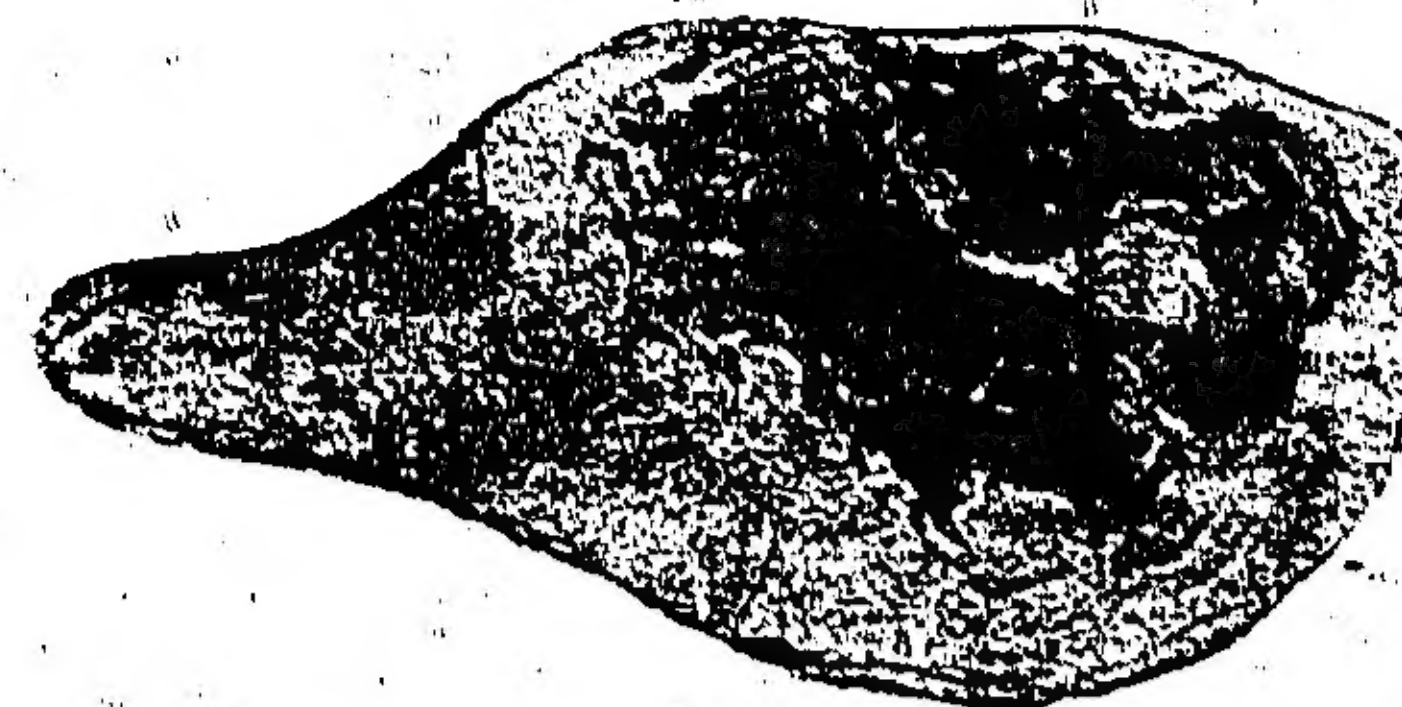
Rosemarie Arndt and Rosemary
Orr, pupils of the George Gon-
charoff School of Dance, executed
a number, kindly arranged by Mr.
Goncharoff, with grace and skill
and were warmly applauded.

Outdoor garden games also ad-
ded to the success of the afternoon
which was brought to a close with
the singing of the following carols:
—Away in the manger, I saw three
ships come sailing by. One
little baby lay silent night.

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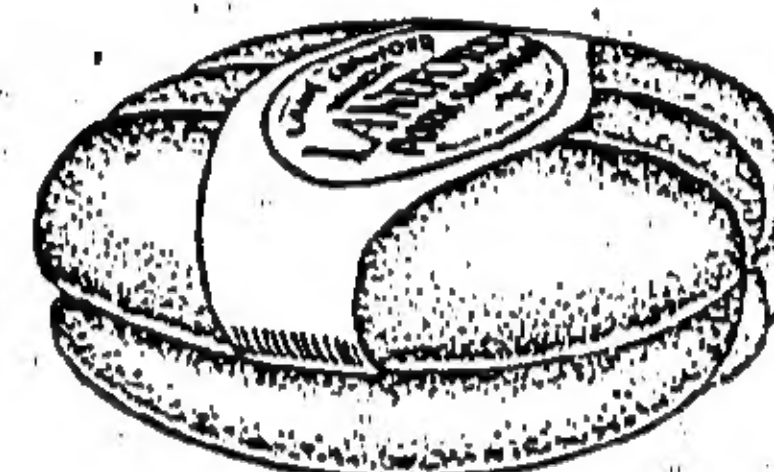


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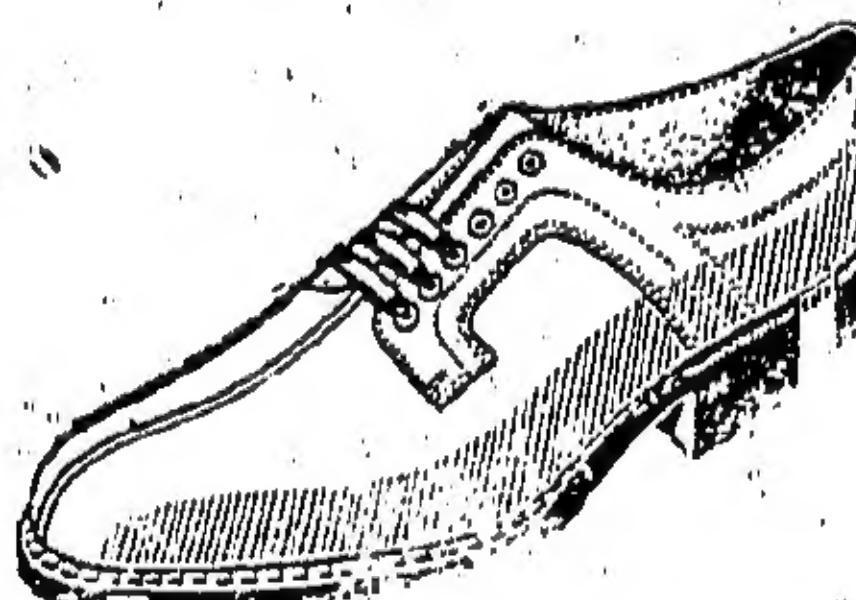
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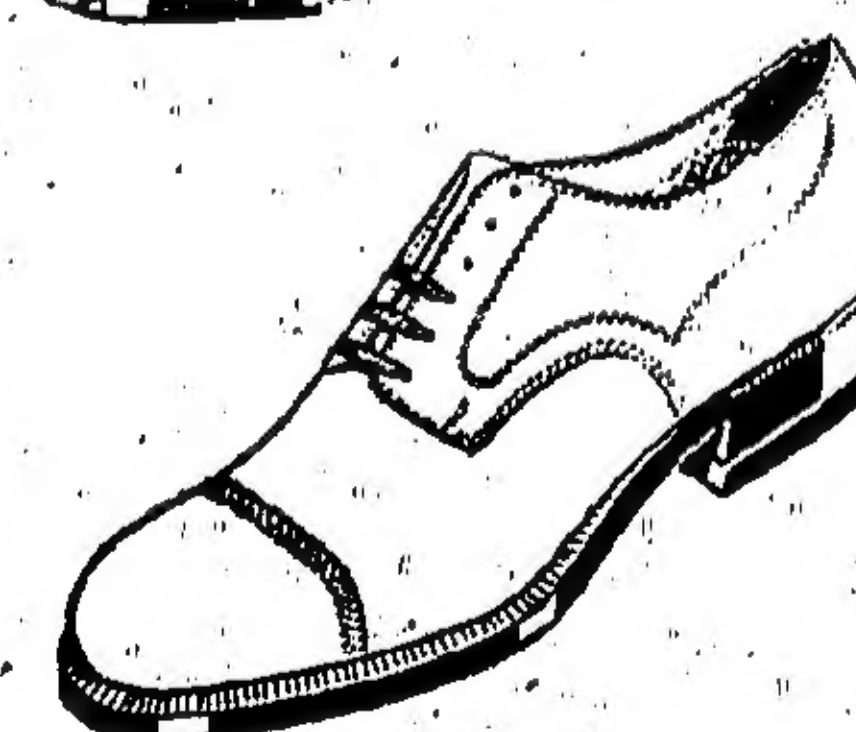
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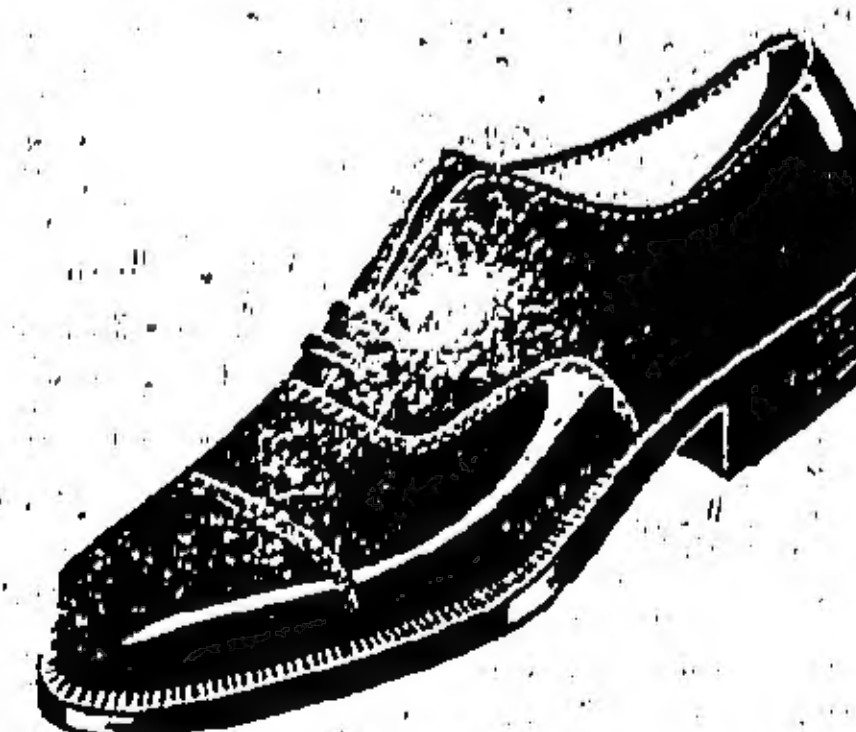
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Section 58 of the Probate Or-
dinance, 1897, made an order
limiting the time for credi-
tors and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 5th day of January, 1940.

All Creditors and others are
accordingly required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 8th day of December,
1939.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
AL VENA LAHOVETSKY,
L.T.C.L., of 233 Nathan Road,
Kowloon, is applying to the
Governor for naturalization, and
that any person who knows any
reason why naturalization should
not be granted should send a
written and signed statement of
the facts to the Colonial Secre-
tary, Hong Kong.

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H.K. HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Annual Meeting of the above
Society will be held at the
Board Room of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind
permission) on Tuesday the 19th
December, 1939, at 5.15 p.m.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.
Hon. Kong, 6th Dec., 1939.

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ESCAPING
DEATH IS
FAMILY HABIT

A mother put her arms around
her three menfolk in their home,
and said: "I must be the luckiest
woman in the world."

And she must be—because
during the past month her hus-
band and two sons have escap-
ed death at sea by miracles.
The mother is Mrs. George Bell,
of Stead-street, Jarow. Her
youngest son, Joseph, aged
eighteen had walked into the
house—the only uninjured survivor
of the steamer Hookwood, sunk by
a mine.

"Of course, I'm all right," he
told her. "Aren't we always?"
Recently Mr. Bell, Sen., was
working in a ship. A metal plate
fell. He turned his head aside—and
the plate fell painfully on his toes.
He was taken home. "Of course
I'm all right," he told his wife.
"Aren't we always?"

A month ago Mrs. Bell heard of
the torpedoing of the steamer
Ledbury. Her son George was one
of the crew. He turned up safely.
"All right? Of course..." he said.
—Daily Mirror.

Forty-eight hours after she had
been sentenced to death at Taun-
ton Assizes recently for murder-
ing her five-month-old son, the
Home Secretary has recommended
a reprieve for Winifred Mary
Watts, 19, unmarried, of Ashill,
near Uminster.

The Director of Medical Services
acknowledges the receipt of 120
yards of cotton cloth for the in-
termed Chinese soldier from the
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NEW HAT IN
THE RING

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by
Mr. John N. Garner, vice-
President of the United
States that he will be a candi-
date for nomination as the
Democratic Party's candidate
for the country's highest
office regardless of whether
Mr. Roosevelt will seek re-
election or not crystallises a
situation which has long been
developing within the Party.

AS A REPRESENTATIVE
of the "Old Guard" Demo-
crats, Mr. Garner has long
been an enemy of the New
Deal and all its works. He
has always opposed the ex-
penditures on social security
which, while bitterly attacked
by American "Big Business,"
have made the present
Administration so popular
among the rank and file
population of the country.
Of late, he has stood sponsor,
despite his office, to many
assaults upon the position of
the President. A shrewd and
unscrupulous politician, the
"Old Man of Uvalde" has
long been laying for himself
a road to power.

ON QUESTIONS OF FOR-
EIGN POLICY, the Roosevelt
administration and its erst-
while Republican critics are
today united. They stand
for an interpretation of neu-
trality which favours the
Allies in every respect, makes
American industry the supply
base for Britain and France,
and at the same time implies
the taking over by the United
States of all the interests of
these countries on the Ameri-
can continent. In Far East-
ern policy, they are equally
united on the necessity of
presenting a strong front to
Japan and putting pressure
on her to restore the "Open
Door" and equal opportunity
for American business in
Oriental markets. Whether
this policy will also carry the
active connotation of diplo-
matic support of China in her
struggle against Japan's law-
less aggression depends, how-
ever, on the further develop-
ment of the situation in
Europe.

SHOULD MR. GARNER BE
ELECTED, a thing that is ex-
tremely unlikely, he would
probably deviate very little
from this general line, al-
though there might be more
reason to expect that the
means used in pursuit of it,
especially in Latin America,
would be of a nature reminis-
cent of the McKinley era.
The real difference between
his administration and the
New Deal would, however, be
the discarding of the forward-
looking social policy which
has brought the United
States, in point of social legis-
lation, to the level of the
European countries most ad-
vanced in this respect.

IT IS BECAUSE the ma-
jority of the people of this
country are well aware of this
that Mr. Garner is not likely
to muster any more support
from the electorate than that
forgotten man Mr. Alfred
Landon, whom the President
defeated so resoundingly in
the 1936 election. The De-
mocratic Party has probably
made enough of a study of
the causes of the Republican
failure in that year to avoid
making the mistake of put-
ting into the field a candidate
who cannot possibly take full
advantage of the political
capital accruing from the
popularity of the New Deal.
Thus, even if Mr. Roosevelt
does not stand, Mr. Garner's
nomination is extremely un-
likely.

TANKS USED
TO CARRY
WOUNDED

TIME SAVED IN
LESS SERIOUS
CASES

The idea of making tanks do
the work of stretcher-bearers
would have seemed fantastic in
the other war.

But a day or two ago, when on a
visit to a battalion in the line, I
happened to see the notion real-
ised in practice, writes the Daily
Telegraph war correspondent with
the French Army.

The tank in question was one of
the smallest of the breed. Com-
pared with the original tanks
which so much surprised those of
us who were up by High Wood in
the Somme in September, 1916, it
is a Yorkshire terrier by the side
of a wolfhound.

The French call these little tanks
chenillettes. They are not more
than 3ft high. It is amazing to
see how the little monsters get
across rough country and how they
climb.

Their principal business is to
convey ammunition to the front
line; and if they bring back
wounded on the return journey,
these must be patients in a state to
put up with a certain jolting.

QUICKER THAN STRETCHER
My particular chenillette came in
from a company aid post to the
battalion medical officer with a
wounded man who had been hit by a
grenade. Without going into de-
tails, it may be said that the
ground was less favourable to
stretcher-bearers than Hampstead
Heath would be.

I do not suggest that conveyance
by tank is ever likely to be the or-
dinary means of bringing in the
wounded, and the man with the
grenade wound was probably glad
enough to be transferred from the
trailer of the chenillette into the
motor ambulance which was wait-
ing for him at the battalion aid
post.

But he had been brought along
in about a quarter of the time
which a squad of stretcher-bearers
would have taken.

STRONG MEDICAL SERVICE
The sector of the front I was
visiting has been the scene of a
certain activity, but here, as else-
where, if casualties had been mul-
tiple by 200, the medical service
would still have been ready. What
the French call evacuation hospi-
tals, corresponding to the
casualty clearing stations of the
Royal Army Medical Corp., have
been organised on an immense
scale.

One name may be mentioned,
that of the picturesque old Alsatian
town of Phalsbourg, which is
exclusively occupied by the medical
corps.

It is a town of hospitals. Gigantic
red crosses on the roofs and in
the courtyards and squares an-
nounce the fact to enemy airmen,
and the place is out of bounds to
the rest of the army.

The dedication of the town is
perfectly well known to the Ger-
mans. Whether they will respect it
in the heat of battle remains to
be seen.

NAZI AIRCRAFT
CAMOUFLAGE

Change For High
Flying Machines

Further evidence has now been
gathered that the Germans have
abandoned the ordinary form of
camouflage for their high flying
reconnaissance and bombing
aeroplanes.

Among the machines brought
down by British and French
fighters on the Western Front
have been several finished in a
pale shade of blue.

Generally speaking a high flying
aeroplane is seen as a dark
silhouette against the sky. The
colouring hardly affects its visibility
for observers on the ground.

But a top colouring of the
shadow-shading type used on
British machines have a high
camouflage value so far as
observers in enemy machines
flying above are concerned.

All camouflage covering tends
to reduce the aeroplane's perform-
ance, first, because it produces an
appreciable increase in total weight,
and, secondly, because it gives a
rough surface.

A fine polish, while aerodynami-
cally desirable, produces the
glint which must be avoided for
camouflage. The Germans, how-
ever, seem to regard the small
increase in performance as being
worth the sacrifice in camouflage.
—The Times.



Sir Frederick Leith-Ross,
economic adviser to the British
Government.

SURVIVAL OF
THE CAVALRY

A Yeomanry Unit
In Training

With mechanization tending to
corner the Army's publicity market,
it may come as a surprise to learn
that there are still 16 Cavalry re-
giments—three of them Regulars
and the rest Yeomanry, writes the
Times special correspondent on
Nov. 20.

The Cavalry mounts, as well as
the Artillery horses, have their
place in modern warfare. Certain
kinds of reconnaissance, in
hilly, wooded, or marshy country
for instance, are best done on
horseback.

Today I have seen something of
the training of one of the
Yeomanry units, and theirs must
surely be among the pleasantest
quarters of any in the country. A
dual estate is their training
ground.

Wide parkland encircles the
mansion and its outbuildings,
and men and mounts move
among ivy-covered walls and over
fields fringed with copses, where
the beeches still touch the skyline
with colour.

RECREATION CENTRE

The owner's lady has lately turned
the strong room into a recrea-
tion centre for their use, and has
equipped it with pingpong tables,
writing desks, armchairs, and
other comforts with none of the
make-shift air about them which
one sees elsewhere.

In such surroundings it must
even be pleasant to begin the day
at six, for the men have to be at
morning stables within the half-
hour. They breakfast at 7.30 and go
on mounted parade until 11. More
stables, then dinner, and after that
the afternoon parade.

Another taste of the eternal
grooming and then tea comes at
5.30 to release them for the even-
ing. Such is the trooper's day.

Doubtless it has its disadvan-
tages in unkindly weather. Today we
saw some of it in ideal conditions.
Over the sunlit grassland came
small sections, scattered as the
regulation order in their care
to ensure that air attack shall not
catch sections massed together.

They gave us some of their
formation drill, and scattered turf
behind them in a howling charge
swords in line, that might have
come out of a nightmare. They
rode in gas-masks, hot and steamy
probably on such a fine morning,
and one learned that a mask has
been designed for horses, but it is
not yet in supply.

MOUNTS WELL CARED FOR

They sent some of their number
to jump for us, among them a
youth who years ago set up a new
record of 7ft. 5½in. at the Inter-
national Horse Show. He then rode
a horse called Swank. Today he
was not so unusually mounted, but
his horse, like the others, was good.

There is no difficulty in getting
beasts; most of them are hunters.
Equally there is no difficulty in
looking after them, for the land-
owner races and has stabling of
quite an exceptional order, even
an indoor riding school.

The day has gone when yeomen
took their own horse to the war.
Even so there are one or two. For
the most part these are men with
no previous acquaintance with a
horse—men off the office stool,
motor-works, hands, miners,
brewers' labourers. They must have
had the urge in them, for they
chose to be in the cavalry and are
immensely keen on their job.

They take to it quickly, many of
the excellent fellows we saw at ex-
ercise today being no longer than
six months in quarters. Occasion-
ally the officers find a man who
never will make much of a hand
at it, and he goes on to the
mechanical side.

Obviously the appeal of the horse
remains in these days of tanks
and motorized units.

FULL DRESS
REHEARSAL
OF Y.M.C.A.
PANTOMIME

WITTY DIALOGUE
IN "ALI BABA"

The dress rehearsal of the
European Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dra-
matic Club pantomime, "Ali Baba,"
was held yesterday evening before
a capacity audience, whose pro-
longed laughter and applause may
be accepted as a worthy enough
recommendation.

The locality of Baghdad in this
version of the Arabian Nights tale
is given as being in the vicinity
of Wanchai and Macao, but travel
by Imperial Magic Carpet airliner
must indeed make this possible.

The music and the dances are
delightful; the performers polished
in their Arabic; the dialogue as
witty as it can be. Particularly
adept have been the writers of
this in their homely references to
things that are of Hongkong.

A MUTSAI!

Thus when Fatima and her son,
Euslaci, relate to the children the
story of Cinderella, it becomes the
latter to compare the plight of
this heroine to that of a mutsai.
And an unregistered one at that!

Deserving of mention, among
the lesser attractions, are Hooley,
Looney and Dooley, three Arab
policemen who have to be seen to
be believed. One, when he is not
sleuthing, wears proudly the quite
familiar notice, if in letters of ex-
aggerated size, "English Speaker."

The principal boy, Ali Baba, is
played by Anne Organ, and the
leading lady, Princess Morgiana,
by Phyllis Kirby. An impressive
Sultan Ahmed el Bakshish is Bill
Kirby, while Helen Lockhart, as
the Sultana, sings well.

Pauline Strange and Audrey
Oakentull appear in specialty
dances. The play is produced by
Major W. de B. Wood, who should
be well pleased with the result of
his weeks of effort.

Hundred New
AerodromesCANADA'S PART IN
WAR

It was announced in Ottawa
that the Imperial air development
plans include the construction in
Canada of 100 new aerodromes.
The sites have already been selected.

The Imperial air training plan
is expected to cost between £50-
£60,000,000 and £80,000,000 for capital
construction in the first year
of its operation.

It is reported here that the Do-
minion Government will ask for
additional £10,000,000 war appropria-
tion in the coming session of
Parliament.

This is to be spent in building
up the "home front" war defences.
Canada's total war expenditure
this year is expected to exceed
£120,000,000, not including £20-
£30,000,000 voted at the "emergency
session" in September to cover
war expenses on the outbreak of
hostilities.

LONDON SCHOOLS
NOT TO REOPEN

Earl De La Warr, President of the
Board of Education, in a broadcast
said that he did not feel justified
yet in reopening schools in the
evacuation areas, though he agreed
that many children were "running
wild."

"For the present the authorities
are bringing the children to the
schools in small lots for medical
inspection and treatment," he said.
"I do not say that this is the last
word, but I assure you that we are
watching the point carefully."

The schools in the reception
areas, were beginning to settle
down.
"Just because it has not suited
Hitler to bomb the big towns at
once—that means just nothing.
Imagine your feelings if you bring
them back, and in a fortnight we
are bombed. With the full force
and responsibility of a member of
the Government, I therefore
implore you to leave your children
away."

Miss Ann Todd, the 29-years-old
British stage and screen actress,
was married at Chelsea register
office to Flight-Lieut. Nigel
Tangye, Flight-Lieut. Tangye, who
is 30, first met Miss Todd when he
was an adviser to Alexander Korda
for the film "Things to Come."

King's Flax For The War

MORE ROYAL ACRES TO HELP
IRISH LINEN MAKERS

SPECIAL ORDERS FROM THE KING which reached Sand-
ringham recently mean that more flax is to be grown on the
Royal estates to meet new demands arising out of the war.
More and more flax is needed today to make linen for tent
cloths and for medical supplies and it is of importance, at the
same time, to maintain the peace-time export of it to the linen
weavers of Belfast.

In the United States especially,
the market for damask table
cloths, towels, sheets and other
linen goods of quality is now
strongly established. Britain's ex-
port trade, has been named her
fourth line of defence; and apart
from that, the linen trade of
Northern Ireland does not want to
start from scratch when the war
is over.

Sandringham's flax is an im-
portant item in Belfast's annual
supply and it is the King's father
whom the linen weavers of North-
ern Ireland have to thank in the
first place for thus making them,
at least in part, independent of
foreign supplies.

Four years ago King George the
Fifth first planted flax seeds in a
small corner of the Sandringham
farm lands. Though there were
those who doubted, success attend-
ed the Royal experiment and the
first year's crop encouraged a fur-
ther trial.

PLOUGHING UP QUEEN'S
FLOWER GARDENS

It was found that both the
climate and the soil of Norfolk are
very similar to those in certain
parts of Belgium, where, up to
now, the best flax in the world
has been produced. Linen experts
in Ulster maintain, indeed, that

Norfolk flax is at least equal to
the Belgian product, and may,
within a short time, surpass it.

King George has been en-
thusiastic in developing this
enterprise of his father. In
peace time he used his in-
fluence among the Norfolk
farmers to persuade them to
grow the new crop, and, in
spite of the conservative pre-
judices of men whose fathers
had never grown flax, succeeded
in obtaining a number of
converts.

When war came he determined to
put the many thousands of acres
in the estates to the best possible
use of the nation and sent for his
Sandringham agent, Captain Fel-
lows, to discuss with him the plan-
ning of the Royal farm lands.

As a result, several score more
acres are at once to be put under
cultivation for flax, while other
parts of the King's land, including
what were formerly the Queen's
flower gardens, are being ploughed
up for wheat and oats.

Today the King and Queen each
possess a handkerchief of fine
Ulster linen woven from their own
Sandringham flax, gifts presented
to them during their visit to
Northern Ireland after the Corona-
tion.

DISADVANTAGES POPULATION
OF THE KILT OF WORLD

An Experiment Of
The Last War

NEWEST LEAGUE
STATISTICS

The Times published the follow-
ing letter:—

Sir,—I hope it will not be con-
sidered impertinent of a mere
southerner to take part in the
interesting correspondence in
The Times about the kilt. I ven-
ture to do so because there is an-
other side of the question which
should be ventilated, even at the
risk of being considered indelic-
ate. May I be personal for a moment?

During the late Great War I
was the writer's unique privilege
to hold the rank of Rat Officer to
the Second Army of the B.E.F. in
France. His activities were not
however entirely devoted to the
theoretical and practical exter-
mination of trench rats. Occa-
sionally other tasks came his
way.

One day a large wooden crate
arrived from the War Office. On
prying open the lid it was dis-
covered to contain a quantity of
garments—gents' underwear—and
with them emerged a peculiar
odour of chemicals. The crate
was shortly followed by official in-
structions. In these it was ex-
plained that the vests and pants
had been impregnated with cer-
tain poisonous chemicals which
were thought to be fatal to the
body louse—pediculus vestimenti-
the scourge of all armies.

It was the interesting duty allot-
ted to the present writer to carry
out experiments with these gar-
ments. A small camp of bell tents
was erected not too near to
Poperinghe, and then came the
question of obtaining the human
subjects for the experiment.

First of all 12 volunteers, with-
out lice, were asked for from an
infantry battalion in the line.
Most of the battalion volunteered,
and after some close scrutiny 12
were selected, guaranteed free
from infection. Then 12 thorough-
ly lousy soldiers were indentured for
and 12 kilts Highlanders reported
themselves at the camp.

These heroes in the cause of
science, who were to wear the un-
derclothes, had not been selected;
they happened to be the first 12
numbered off by the sergeant-
major.

The experiment proved interest-
ing if futile, but this is neither the
place nor the time to enter into
details. The point is that every
kilted soldier in the trenches was
thoroughly lousy, not let it be
clearly stated, through any fault
of his own, but of the pests of
his kilt, which made ideal lurking
places for the loathsome parasites,
from which safe retreats it was
impossible for the unwilling host
to evacuate them.

Once again, Sir, I apologize for
dwelling on so repellent a subject
in the columns of The Times, but

The latest available figures of
the distribution of population by
sex and age-groups for thirty-six
countries (twenty-three of them
in Europe) are given in the Oc-
tober Bulletin of Statistics issued by
the League of Nations.

Countries in which males pre-
dominate are: Union of South
Africa (whites only), 1,038,000
as against 1,005,000 females;
Australia, 3,487,000 as against
3,405,000; Burma, 3,088,000 as
against 2,774,000; Bulgaria, 3-
533,000 as against 3,024,000; Cana-
da, 5,782,000 as against 5,427,000;
United States of America, 64,161-
000 as against 63,180,000; India,
180,206,000 as against 169,554,000;
Ireland, 1,520,000 as against 1,448-
000;

Japan, 34,734,000 as against 34-
520,000; Malaya, 2,584,000 as against
1,774,000; New Zealand, 769,000 as
against 748,000. Female prepon-
derance is found in Germany, with
38,400,000 as against 36,427,000
males; Belgium, with 4,193,000 as
against 4,110,000; Chile, 2,165,000
as against 2,123,000; Denmark,
1,915,000 as against 1,862,000;
Egypt, 7,120,000 as against 7,058-
000; Estonia, 600,000 as against
531,000;

Finland, 1,941,000 as against 1-
894,000; France, 21,400,000 as
against 19,900,000; Greece, 3,128-
000 as against 3,078,000; Hungary,
4,034,000 as against 4,458,000; Italy,
21,849,000 as against 21,087,000;
Latvia, 1,053,000 as against 928,000;
Mexico, 8,434,000 as against 8,119-
000; Norway, 1,479,000 as against
1,420,000; Netherlands, 4,324,000 as
against 4,308,000; Poland, 17,988,000
as against 17,124,000;

Portugal, 3,570,000 as against 3-
256,000; Rumania, 9,182,000 as
against 8,871,000; United Kingdom,
24,562,000 as against 22,725,000;
Sweden, 3,168,000 as against 2,725,000;
Sweden, 3,168,000 as against 2,725,000;
Switzerland, 2,304,000 as against
2,178,000 as against 2,034,000;
Czechoslovakia, 7,787,000 as
against 7,372,000; Turkey, 8,221,000
as against 7,937,000; U.S.S.R., 75-
885,000 as against 71,043,000; Yugo-
slavia, 7,042,000 as against 6,892-
000.

The tables also afford ample
scope for studying the man power
of the various nations in certain
age-groups. In particular, the
numbers given for the age-group
of 20 to 49 are of special interest
and they will no doubt be closely
examined for various reasons at
the present time.

We all must bravely face what thra-
late Professor A. E. Shipley termed
"the Minor Horrors of War."

END OF GRAF SPEE

Nazi Commander Blows Up Pocket-Battleship

A Reuter message from New York states that the Nazi pocket-battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, was scuttled by her crew.

Earlier messages from Montevideo reported that the Graf Spee, in an attempt to make a bid for freedom, had sailed from the harbour at 6.19 p.m. (G.M.T.) on Sunday.

This report was followed by news from Buenos Aires which stated that the Montevideo Wireless announced that the Graf Spee would be scuttled by her crew at 11.30 p.m. (G.M.T.).

ARK ROYAL AND RENOWN ARRIVE

In the meantime a message from Rio de Janeiro stated that the British aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Ark Royal, and H.M.S. Renown had arrived at Rio de Janeiro to join the British warship waiting to put fins to the Nazi pocket-battleship should she decide to make a dash for freedom.

CASUALTIES ON H.M.S. EXETER

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that five officers were killed and three wounded and 56 ratings killed and 20 wounded in H.M.S. Exeter during the engagement with the Graf Spee.

FIRST GERMAN ADMISSION

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—For the first time Germany admits that 36 were killed on board the Graf Spee.

The German News Agency states that according to reports reaching the High Command of the German Army, 36 of the crew of the Graf Spee died in action, six were seriously injured and 53 lightly wounded.

SUNK IN 25 FEET OF WATER

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee now lies sunk off the Uruguayan coast, some five miles from the entrance to Montevideo harbour, in about 25 feet of water.

This was disclosed in an official Admiralty Communique issued late last night, which adds that the Nazi warship was blown up by two terrific explosions after she had been abandoned by her crew.

The act of self-destruction was ordered by her Commander, Captain Landsdorf, some three hours after the Graf Spee had sailed out of Montevideo, apparently ready to run the gauntlet, although Montevideo wireless messages announced that it was the intention of Captain Landsdorf to scuttle his ship.

WAITED AT ENTRANCE

After leaving Montevideo Harbour, the Graf Spee waited at the entrance for some time, as though uncertain of the action to be taken. She then proceeded slowly up the Plate Estuary in the direction of Buenos Aires.

Then, unexpectedly, she turned completely about and coming down the Estuary at a fairly high speed, with a large Swastika flag flying gallantly from her main mast she halted about five miles from the nearest shore.

ORDER GIVEN

The order was given to the crew to abandon the ship and within five minutes after the order had been carried out, with the men standing off some hundreds of yards saluting, two terrific explosions occurred and she sank within seconds.

CRUISERS HUNT DEUTSCHLAND

Possible Refuge At Murmansk

When the war began the combined strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy in cruisers was 53 ships.

A considerable proportion of this strength is now engaged in the search for the Deutschland and her still more elusive sister ship, the Admiral Scheer.

All the evidence goes to show that the latter is still somewhere far away in the southern hemisphere, but the Deutschland was unquestionably in the area between Iceland and the Shetlands.

One of the handicaps of the cruisers hunting for the Deutschland is the shortness of the days in those latitudes at this time of year—something less than five hours.

To this, and to the obscurity caused by heavy rain, was due the success of the Deutschland in eluding the cruiser, which tried to keep her in sight after her fight with the Rawalpindi.

BREMEN'S EXAMPLE

It is more likely that she has taken refuge at Murmansk, following the example set by her erstwhile-prize, the City of Flint, and

WHY DID THE COMMANDER OF THE GRAF SPEE CHANGE HIS PLANS?

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The ignominious end of the Graf Spee appears to have been contrary to the personal wishes of her Commander, otherwise it is difficult to explain the extensive repairs effected on board before her departure.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS

During all Saturday and Sunday night, the sky in Montevideo Harbour was illuminated vividly by electric welders as new plates were affixed on her damaged hull. The big holes in the control-tower were patched up and as she sailed out of the harbour it was difficult, except for an expert, to detect signs of the mauling she received in last Wednesday's naval battle.

ORIGINAL PLAN

Until her sudden, right about face in the Rio de la Plata, it was believed that Captain Landsdorf might adhere to his original plan, which it is believed envisaged a journey to Buenos Aires to gain time while submarines and perhaps other surface craft were ready to join in an action against the Allied armada at the entrance to the estuary.

SCUTTLED SHIP IN PROTEST

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Thousands of spectators saw smoke rise slowly to the sky, followed by a gigantic burst of flame and an explosion. The flame rose hundreds of feet and the crowds on the shore ran in all directions. It is learned that before sailing, Captain Landsdorf wrote a letter to the German Minister protesting bitterly against the Uruguayan Government's refusal to allow more time for repairs.

He said that in view of the Government's attitude and his responsibility for the lives of 1,000 men, his only course was to save the crew and to blow up the vessel in the vicinity of the port of Montevideo as a protest.

NAZI STATEMENT

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The News Agency issued this statement: "The Government of Uruguay refused to grant the time necessary for the repairs of the Graf Spee and the Commander, therefore, decided to scuttle his ship outside Uruguayan territorial waters."

Sunken Graf Spee May Cause Nazi-Uruguayan Incident

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The Graf Spee was sunk in 26 feet of water in the main anchorage where she will be a serious hindrance to port traffic. There is great indignation here over this and many think that an incident between the two countries may result, because it is thought that the Graf Spee acted under orders from Berlin.

IMMENSE FLAMES

As the Graf Spee settled down the escaping fuel oil set fire to and enveloped the super-structure in flames and the immense surface of the sea was illuminated. The fire burned out at 9.25 p.m. when little of the battleship was showing above the water. The dramatic effect of the flames was enhanced by constant explosions as the fire, which was also burning under water, reached the shells.

YANGTSE RE-OPENING

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Military and Naval authorities in the field in Central China. The communique reads: "Conditions along the lower Yangtze River have of late permitted the gradual relaxation of absolute military requirements which have necessitated the closure of the river."

In view of the above, and in order to meet this situation, the Japanese Military and Naval authorities in the field have decided to launch various preparations with the view of re-opening the Yangtze below Nanking subject to restrictions necessitated by military requirements and measures for the maintenance of peace and order.

Foreign shippers are reserving their judgment till they see whether the re-opening really presages a general re-



Dr. Hans Frank, newly-appointed Governor-General for the Polish territories occupied by Germany. He was formerly Nazi Reich Minister of Justice.

First B.E.F. Casualties

BRITISH RAIDING PARTY ATTACKED

LONDON, DEC. 18 (REUTER).—THE FIRST CASUALTIES IN ACTION OF THE B. E. F. WERE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT AS A RESULT OF A CLASH BETWEEN PATROLS IN "NO MAN'S LAND."

Only brief details are given of the incident in which a British raiding party, under a N. O. C., was attacked by German units. "There were casualties on both sides," the statement concludes.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE

The first men of the B. E. F. to be given Christmas Leave left France for England on board various transports yesterday.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The British steamer Amble (1,162 tons) struck a mine and sank, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the German News Agency. Her crew were rescued.

WAS COMMANDER OF GRAF SPEE SAVED?

LONDON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Reports are conflicting as regards the fate of Captain Landsdorf.

The New York wireless states that the German Legation in Montevideo announced that Captain Landsdorf went down with his ship.

A Montevideo message states that the Commander and officers of the Graf Spee are reported to have perished when the battleship blew up, while the Buenos Aires radio says that the last to leave the ship was the Commander.

A later message from Montevideo states that a boat from an Argentine cruiser picked up the Captain and chief officers of the Graf Spee.

"POPULARIZING PAYING FOR THE WAR"

The Press Association learns that a campaign is to be conducted by Lord Mottistone, chairman of the National Savings Committee, to "popularize payment for the war."

It is understood that arrangements are being made for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to open the campaign towards the end of the month with an address to the nation, possibly at a public meeting.

sumption of normal trade or whether restrictions will be enforced in such a way as to keep the Yangtze closed to all but Japanese shipping.

THE FESTIVE MEAL

This selection may help you!

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ANOTHER FINNISH APPEAL FOR HELP

COMMON CAUSE OF JUSTICE

HELSINKI, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Another appeal to the world for help was made by the Finnish President, M. Kallio, in a broadcast talk to the Finnish Army yesterday. After greeting "the defenders of our independence," the President said that they see more active help than they had hitherto obtained.

COMMON CAUSE

As their cause is the cause of the whole civilised world, they believed that civilised nations could not leave them to fight alone on this front.

"We do not deny that the nearest to our hearts are our own homes, land, culture and our whole social system in which we have become rooted and which is now threatened with destruction."

"But it is through these values that we have been able to contribute our service to the world's culture. Therefore, we dare hope that these common principles of justice will also be commonly defended."

Madame Kallio also addressed the nation.

NELSON AS EXAMPLE

A young recruit, called up under the Military Training Act passed part of his medical examination at Newcastle, but was then found to be blind in one eye, and was rejected.

Making an 'indignant protest, he said: "The best fighter, Great Britain ever had had only one eye, and we put up a monument to him in Trafalgar-square."

Nelson lost the sight of his right eye at the age of 36, while commanding land forces of seamen and marines in Corsica.—Daily Telegraph.

ARCHBISHOP DIES, AGED 79

Dr. Francis Mostyn, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff since 1921 and descendant of three English martyrs, died at Cardiff. He was 79.

Through his maternal grandmother, a daughter of the eighth Lord Stafford, the archbishop was descended from Philip Howard, Earl of Arundel; William Howard, Viscount Stafford; and Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury. All three died for their allegiance to the Roman Catholic faith during the reign of the Tudors.

Dr. Mostyn was rector at Birkenhead in the nineties. He had such an influence over the dockers on Merseyside that he was once called in by the police to arrest an Irishman who had "drink taken."

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SOVIET TROOPS MAKING HEADWAY IN NORTH OF FINLAND

'FINNS' DEFENCES THREATENED

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The latest news here regarding the progress of the war in Finland shows that the Finns are successfully resisting in the Karelian Isthmus.

Near Lake Ladoga, Soviet attacks were repulsed. In the north the Russians are making headway in their attempt to cut the country in two. At least two Russian columns are active with this aim in view and the opinion here is that they will be dangerous to the future Finnish defence if they continue to make their present headway.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE
HELSINKI, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A Finnish communique states that the advance continues slowly on the Toivajärvi Front.

All Soviet attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed and heavy losses were inflicted on Russian battalions.

It was semi-officially announced that 176 Russian tanks were destroyed or captured since the war began.

SOVIET ADVANCE
MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—A Soviet communique claims that Soviet troops advanced to 46 miles south of Petsamo, and also to a point 81 miles on the west frontier in the Ukhta Sector.

FINNISH CLAIMS
HELSINKI, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—Finnish troops north of Lake Ladoga, yesterday routed a large force of the Red Army which retreated in disorder.

The Red Army keeps up mass infantry assaults on the Mannerheim Line without success.

Yesterday afternoon, following intense artillery preparation, a violent attack was launched in which their casualties are estimated at over 3,000.

IN THE NORTH
In the extreme north, according to an official bulletin, the enemy made no important gains since Saturday.

The Finnish Air Force was active on all fronts, bombing Soviet concentrations, columns and mechanised units.

PEARL RIVER CLOSED, BUT NOT TO JAPANESE

CANTON, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—The announcement that the Pearl River would remain closed to all shipping from Dec. 17 until the end of the year does not apply to Japanese vessels, it was reliably learned today.

Japanese shipping companies are continuing their regular schedules of sailings to and from Macao.

FURTHER OPERATIONS

SHIUKWAN, Dec. 18 (Int'l).—The closing of the Pearl River to the navigation of vessels of third powers is believed here to be heralding further Japanese military operations in Shum-chun and to the north, as the Japanese have wanted for some time to clear the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

It is also thought possible that the enemy plan to retake Chungshan in order to effect a junction with their troops in the Kowloon-Sunwai sector.

CHINESE PREPARED

The Pearl River is closed for the purpose of troops transportation. There is no increase of enemy forces in Shumchun, although many Japanese warships are concentrating at Boca Tigris. Chinese military circles are preparing for any surprise move between now and Christmas.

MARRIAGE FEE FOR MEN IN THE SERVICES

The question of reducing the price of marriage licences for men in the Services, so that they may marry when on short leave, is being considered by the authorities.

In the ordinary way a licence for such a marriage would cost approximately 2½ guineas, compared with about 7s. 6d. for a church wedding. The lower rate applies only when due notice of marriage is given.—The Times.

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Woman Recommended To Mercy: Manslaughter Charge At The Sessions

Chung Wan-ching, 32-year-old seamstress, who was charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with the manslaughter of Pun King-sze, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment after the jury, having retired for half-an-hour, returned a verdict of guilty but added there was intense provocation and recommended mercy.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Insp. L. R. Hopkins. The jury was: Messrs. W. H. Jowitt (foreman), Kwok Pui-cheung, Choa Yau-cheong, C. Huang, Chow Ping-un, P. A. Yvanovich and Yeung Shing-choy.

The death of Pun, who was an embroidery worker, was due, according to Mr. Abbott, to a fall down the stairs of accused's house in Hollywood Road which was itself caused by a kick from Chung.

Chung, said Mr. Abbott, owed deceased and her sister \$7, two of which was for embroidery work and the balance was a loan. The sum was to be repaid about October 4 or 6.

After repeated requests, accused paid back a dollar on October 5, and promised to repay the balance later.

MET ACCUSED

On October 18, the two sisters met accused in Queen's Road West and asked for the money. Accused asked them to accompany her to her house, but as soon as they arrived at the landing Chung started hitting deceased with her fists. She then caught hold of deceased's arms, swung her round and gave her a kick which sent the woman down the stairs.

The woman's sister rendered assistance, and accused also gave a hand. Pun was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital where she died on November 2.

Dr. T. K. Lien testified to finding out on deceased's head and cheeks. Cause of death, he said, was meningitis and multiple brain abscess.

In the witness box, accused said that deceased tried to hit her with a clog. She dodged the blow, and accused fell down the stairs. She denied that she had struck the deceased.

COLONY HEALTH

Thirty cases of tuberculosis, seven cases of dysentery, three cases of enteric fever, one case of diphtheria and one case of small-pox were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 17.



FOOT ITCH ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 228, at least 50% of the adult population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch off all the skin.

Beware of It Spreading
Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.
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The germ that causes the disease is known as Trichophyton. It buries itself deep in the tissues of the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made every 15 minutes of boiling to kill the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are unsuccessful.
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As soon as you apply it, if you will find that the itching is immediately relieved. You should paint the infected parts with it 3 or 4 times a day. Morning and night. You will find that the itching stops immediately. You will find that the itching stops immediately. You will find that the itching stops immediately.

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INDIAN P.C. ATTACKED BY WILD DOG

An Indian constable was attacked by a wild dog near Tytam Reservoir on Saturday evening, and is receiving treatment at the Queen Mary Hospital.

The dog jumped at the constable as he was walking along, and its weight threw the man to the ground. The animal then snapped at the constable's leg but fled when the policeman drew his revolver.

Reports are current that a pack of wild dogs is roaming the hillsides in the vicinity.

REGISTRY WEDDING

The wedding took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Kwok Chok-wing, preacher, of No. 7 Takuling Road, and Miss Leung Ching-kit, of No. 426 Prince Edward Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Li Chee-kung, teacher, of No. 13 Cedar Street, third floor, and Miss Chan Yuen-ha, of No. 198 Hennessy Road;

Mr. Denis Leung, office assistant, of No. 36 Nga Tsin Wai Road, first floor, and Miss Lizzie Wong, of No. 92 Kennedy Road;

Mr. Su Chao-han, student, of No. 26 Nanchang Street, second floor, and Miss Hui Suet-yuk, of No. 343 Lalchikok Road, ground floor;

Mr. Francis Augustine Wong, clerk, of No. 75 Tung Tsoi Street, second floor, and Miss Iris Lau, of No. 47 Pilgrim Street, second floor.

BELT-TIGHTENING IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—In an editorial dealing with the effects of the British blockade, the New York Times says that the great levelling process in Germany is beginning to seem more and more like the Soviet economy.

In both countries, the Governments offer their people "Pie in the sky," but lay all the present emphasis upon the necessity for tightening one's belt.

At Leeds numbers of air-raid wardens have refused to go on duty during the night as a protest against an official instruction that they must not warn householders to screen lights during the blackout, but must inform the police.

TUESDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST
Pineapple Juice
Cereal
Omelet
Office

LUNCHEON
Navy Bean Soup
Artichoke Salad
Lamb Cutlets
Baked Potatoes
Stewed Tomatoes
Green Peas
Pumpkin Pie
Tea

DINNER
Crab Cocktail
Clear Soup
Asparagus Salad
Roast Duck
Apple Sauce
Sweet Potato Souffle
Brussel Sprouts
String Beans
Sponge Cake and Lemon Sauce
Coffee
Dinner Mints

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

(Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police)

CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. All recruits who have not yet passed part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday, December 22, at 17.30 hours sharp for instruction under Sub Inspector (R) Chan Chung-tung. Dress—Blue Uniform. Cap with White Cover. Belt with Brace. Whistle & Chain and Truncheon.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Company Headquarters for qualifications and instruction in Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, December 19, at 17.30 hours sharp: Constables R29 Lee Ting-shun, R152 Ip Ching, R153 Sung Pak-ching, R154 William Chaun, R155 Lal Kwok-chiu, R156 Cheng Lok-sang, R157 Ng Ping-kwong, R158 Koh Hon-ying, R159 Ts'o Kwai-shing, R160 Fung Hon-hung, R161 Kong Sal-lun, R162 Tang Lin-fu and R163 Li Kam-chuen.

Training Course—Part III. Revolver shooting practice will be held at King's Park Range on Tuesday, December 26, at 09.30 hours sharp. Recruits detailed and those who have not yet fired their annual course will attend.

Training Course—Part IV. The undermentioned members will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Monday, and Thursday, December 18, and 21, respectively, at 17.30 hours sharp for Part IV of Training Course (A.R.P.) under Sub Inspector (R) Chan Chung-tung: Constables R144 Wu Man-hon, R145 William Ho, R146 Lau Mau, R147 Lung Chi-lup, R148 Charles Tam, R149 Tang Kwong-wing, R150 Koh Kwai-sun, R151 Lam Chong-sing, R152 Ip Ching, R153 Sung Pak-ching, R154 William Chaun, R155 Lal Kwok-chiu, R156 Cheng Lok-sang, R157 Ng Ping-kwong, R158 Koh Hon-ying, and R159 Ts'o Kwai-shing.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, December 20, at 17.30 hours sharp for a general inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Dress—Blue Uniform. Cap with White Cover. Belt with Bracem Truncheon. "Pocket Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Patrol Duty. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Leave. Constable R438 N. Stradmoor has been granted leave of absence to date from December 18, 1939 to January 10, 1940.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

GENERAL

The Commissioner of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) wish all ranks of the Hongkong Police Reserve a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

O. BAGER, D.S.P. (R).

Hongkong, Monday, Dec. 18, 1939.

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WAR OFFICE, DEC. 5

REGULAR ARMY

Col. W. F. J. Akerman, D.S.O., M.C., to be Maj.-Gen., Oct. 2, 1939, June 19, 1938. Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. (temp. Brig.), from R.A.O.C. to be Col.: J. S. Crawford, July 1, 1939, with seny. S. E. Bunsby (IA), Aug. 1, 1939, July 18, 1938, seny. July 1, 1937 (supp. for notice in "Gaz." of Nov. 18). Bt. Col. to be Col.: B. E. C. Plowden (IA), Aug. 1, 1938, seny. Feb. 22, 1937; L. Gilbert (IA), Aug. 1, 1938, seny. Mar. 1, 1937; D. E. Whitworth (IA), Aug. 1, 1938, seny. Apr. 7, 1937; N. L. St. E. Bunsby (IA), Aug. 1, 1939, seny. Apr. 24, 1937; R. A. P. Grant (IA), Aug. 1, 1938, seny. May 2, 1937; L. W. H. Mathias (IA), Jan. 20, 1939, Mar. 2, 1938; C. J. Ward (IA), Sept. 17, 1938; W. St. J. Carpendale (IA), Dec. 24, 1938; C. B. Evans (IA), Jan. 12, 1939, Oct. 17, 1938; E. N. Goddard (IA), Apr. 19, 1939, R. E. L. Thom (IA), July 1, 1939, seny. 2, 1938; W. L. Lloyd (IA), July 29, 1939; Bt. Col. (temp. Brig.) W. H. Hapwell (IA), Sept. 18, 1938, seny. Aug. 22, 1938. Lt.-Col. to be Col.: H. A. Courtenay (IA), Aug. 16, 1939, seny. Jan. 25, 1939; C. R. C. Lane (20 Lra. IA), Sept. 4, 1939, July 1, 1939; J. le C. Fowle (IA), Sept. 4, 1939, seny. Jan. 22.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Following relinquish appointments as A.D.C.: Capt. J. R. Johnson (R.W.F. Fus.), July 31; Lt. E. Holmes (R. North's Fus.), Aug. 27. Appts. made: Col. (temp. Brig.) P. E. Hotchack, from Brig. to be spec. empld. and granted actg. rank of Maj.-Gen., Dec. 1; Capt. T. F. Hayman-Joyce to be Staff Off. Aug. 24.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Capt. N. A. D. Steer to be Adj. Sept. 3 (sub. for nfin. in "Gaz." of Oct. 13).
1. C.D.S.-2nd Lt. T. P. Fellows (from Inniskilling Fus.) to be 2nd Lt. Dec. 6, and retain present seny.

INFANTRY

To be Capt.: E. Surrey R. Lt.-A.

British War Organization Fund

TOTAL REACHES
\$314,097.28

The British War Organization Fund, Hongkong Branch, has now reached \$314,097.28.

The latest list of subscribers includes \$5,000 from the Central Bank of China, \$1,460 from all contingents and clerical staff of the Hongkong Police Force, \$1,264.30 from the 8th Heavy Regt. R.A., and five donations of \$1,000 each from the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co., the American Express Inc., E.L.H., the Tsung Ching Refugee Relief Assn., and St. Paul's Girls' College.

An item of interest in the list is a donation of \$129 from the Central British School. This represents a sum which would normally have been expended on prizes at this time and which, at the pupils' request, was given to the Fund instead.

COMPLETE LIST

The following is the complete list:—

Previously Acknowledged \$293,781.06: F. T. Harris 15; Ladies Club—Stanley Barracks 200; Nanyang Bros Tobacco Co. 1,000; Tong Shiu Lun 29.52; American Express Co. Inc. 1,000; Master & Officers S.S. Fathian in memory of C.G. Rigby 15; Some members of the Staff of Jardine Matheson & Co. a/c November 215.50; Joseph Prentice (Monthly) 25; T. J. J. Fenwick (Monthly) 40; E. F. Streetfield (Monthly) 30; W. W. Rae (Monthly) 25; Societe Commerciale Asiatique 150; Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co. 50; G. Forder 150; J. R. Stephens 50; E. A. R. Newton (Monthly) 25; Hongkong Police Force—All Contingents & Clerical Staff—November 1,460; Miss E. G. Stephens 50; Anonymous 100; 8th Heavy Regt. R.A. 1,264.30; D. Forbes (Monthly) 25; B. S. Carter (Monthly) 25; H. J. Tebbutt 20; Anonymous 10; Millington Ltd. "Toys Subscriptions" 100; E. L. H. 1,000; R. D. Gillespie (Monthly) 50; Anonymous 1; Hongkong Old Maribarians 180; S. W. M. 5; Wong Hon 50; M. Beraha (Monthly) 50; Mrs. M. Korczyn 50; G. Riddell Carré (Monthly) 25; Central Bank of China, Canton 5,000; Tsung Ching Refugee Relief Assn. 1,000; St. Paul's Girls' College 1,000; Old and New Copper and Iron Dealers Assn. 382; Ka Ying Chow Chamber of Commerce 274; Chan Man Chee 200; Nam Hoi Traders Assn. 200; Anonymous 100; Hon. Sir R. H. 100; Hongkong Rice Merchants Assn. 100; Lai Pak Fook 100; Lo Yuk Tong 100; South China Fire and Marine Godown and Loan Co. 100; Tong Hoi On. 100; Wong Yun Wu 100; Yeung Ngog Fai 100; Tang Wai Tong 50; Tsang Pak Kon 50; Tsang Yung 50; Kwok Tam Wan 20; Tam Shiu Hong 20; Lo Koon Yuen 10; Wong Yuen Tong 10; Han Yuk Ming 5; Anonymous 5; Brethren of Zetland Lodge No. 525 E.C. 260; Diocesan Old Girls Assn. 40; Fung Keung Rubber Mfg. Ltd. 200. Total: \$314,097.28.

BANKERS' ORDERS

R. D. Gillespie \$50; M. Beraha \$50; Anonymous \$5.

POSTAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Permission for the sale in Hongkong of Chinese postal savings certificates was withdrawn suddenly yesterday.

Sale of the certificates had been proceeding satisfactorily for about a month.

A Government spokesman yesterday said that the matter would be further considered, as there were legal difficulties which were not noticed originally.

R. V. Cliff, Dec. 6; O.K.F. and Bucks LL—Lt. R. P. T. Barry, Dec. 6.

HONGKONG-SINGAPORE R. A. ARTILLERY

Promotions: Oct. 1, 1938; Subadar (1st Grade) Allah Ditta Khan to be Subadar-Major; Subadar (2nd Grade) Tara Khan to be Subadar (1st Grade); Jemadars (1st Grade) to be Subadars (2nd Grade); Maadat Shah, Palak Sher, Channan Khan, Jemadars (2nd Grade) to be Jemadars (1st Grade); Ahmed Khan, Moosa Khan, Khadim Hussain Aman Singh, 1A, to be Subadar (1st Grade), May 4, with seny. Oct. 30, 1934, Balwant, Singh, 1A, to be Jemadar (1st Grade), Apr. 17, with seny. Mar. 6, 1937, Shemarian Singh, 1A, to be Jemadar (1st Grade), June 30, with seny. Dec. 6, 1932, Gharsi Ram, 1A, to be Jemadar (1st Grade), July 7, with seny. Nov. 21, 1934, Raja Ram, 1A, to be Jemadar (1st Grade), June 7, with seny. May 10, 1938.

ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAIN'S DEPT.

Rev. F. H. O. Slocombe, Chaplain (4th Cl., deplouishes temp. comm. (III-health), Dec. 6.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Emergency Comm.—Lt. H. B. Calder relinquishes comm. (III-health), Dec. 6.

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

Armt. Sgt.-Maj. G. G. Wilson to be Lt. (A.C.M.E.), Nov. 6.

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Dec. 18.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.24 ins.
Temperature, 65° F.
Humidity, 50 per cent.
Wind Direction, N.E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Temperature, maximum yesterday, 74° F.
Temperature, minimum last night, 61° F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 86.70 ins.
Against an average of, 84.51 ins.
Sunrise tonight, 5.42 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.57 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 18.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.12 ins.
Temperature 70° F.
Humidity, 48 per cent.
Wind Direction, NNE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Maximum temperature, 71° F.
Minimum temperature, 61° F.
Rainfall—nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 19 to 25 Dec. 1939

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Month	Time of Day	Day of Month	Time of Day
Tues. 19	5.07	11.07	5.08
Wed. 20	11.46	5.23	5.08
Thurs. 21	02.11	5.0	02.67
Fri. 22	17.16	4.7	23.46
Sat. 23	03.42	4.7	10.45
Sun. 24	17.38	5.0	—
Mon. 25	05.36	4.4	00.46
	18.08	5.4	11.31
	07.07	4.4	01.32
	18.44	7.0	12.13
	08.17	2.4	02.13
	19.22	7.5	12.66
	08.08	4.0	02.04
	20.03	8.0	13.27

Erne Freedlander will continue her Art Exhibition of Monotypes for another day—tomorrow, Wednesday—in St. Andrew's Church Hall from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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THE Undersigned have received instructions

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Tuesday, the 19th December, 1939 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market opened with a fair enquiry but, as the day wore on buyers became listless. Offerings were not on any extensive scale, but traders interests appeared to flag, although Hongkong Banks & Unions remain fair demand.

BUYERS

Union Ins., \$400.
Douglases, \$711.
Humphreys, \$7.80.
Star Ferries, \$68.
Yau-nat Ferries, \$234.
Electric, \$53.
Sandakan Lights \$11.70.
Telephones (N), \$82.
Entertainments, \$6.00.

SELLERS

H.K. Bank, \$1355.
H. & S. Hotels, \$515.
Lands, \$34.
Tramways, \$174.
Telephones (O), \$254.
Cements, \$182.
Dairy Farms (O), \$22.
SALES
H.K. Bank, \$1350.
Docks, \$14.45/50.
H.K. Mines, 4 cts.
Realities, \$4.40.
China Lights (O), \$8.20.
Watsons, \$8.85.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 174b, Antamok 154b, Baguio Gold 15b, Batang Buhay 0110b, Big Wedge 214s, Coco Grove 17b, Con. Mines 0025s, Demonstration 11s, East Mindanao 11s, I.X.L. 40b, Ipo Gold 13b, Itogon Mining 27s, Manubulo Con. 015b, Masbate Con. 104s, Mind Motherlode 084b, Mine Operation 104s, North Camarines 18s, Paracale Gumaus 194s, San Mauricio 80s, Surigao Con. 154b, Suyoc Con. 134b, Syndicate Inv. 019b, United Paracale 32s.

Finance and Commerce

Sandakan Light & Power Co., (1922) Ltd: Seventeenth Annual Meeting

A reduction in the number of units sold for lighting was given by the chairman as the reason for the slight decrease in the profits of the Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922) Ltd., at the Company's 17th. annual general meeting held yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—

The profit for the year ended June 30 last is \$61,375.27, as compared with \$68,572.79 for the previous year, a reduction of \$7,197.52. This is due mostly to a reduction in the number of units sold for lighting.

AN IMPROVEMENT
The decrease in lighting units was partly offset by an increase in power units sold but the percentage of profit per unit overall was considerably reduced. There is no very apparent reason for the reduced demand for lighting and I am glad to report that there has been an improvement since the close of the financial year.

A number of tubes in the Nos. 1 and 2 boilers have been renewed. This expenditure has been charged to the account now before you and the manager and resident engineer reports that the plant is in sound working order and the buildings have been kept in good repair.

LITTLE COMMENT NEEDED
The accounts, I think, call for little comment from the Chair. Depreciation has been provided on the usual basis on buildings, plant and machinery and suitable provision has been made for obsoles-

cence and depreciation on Sundry Equipment as recommended by the Resident Engineer.

I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and that the sum of \$75,200.97 be appropriated as follows:—

Place to the credit of:—
Capital Plant Reserve ... \$10,000.00
Superannuation Fund ... 5,000.00
Pay a Dividend of 75 cents per share on 50,000 shares ... 37,500.00

Carry forward to the credit of Profit and Loss A/c for next year 22,700.97
The motion was seconded by Mr. Croucher and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. B. Braga and Mr. S. M. Churn, retiring directors, were re-elected on a motion by Mr. B. C. Travadia, seconded by Mr. K. C. Mark.

Mr. H. Dreyer proposed the re-election of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Travadia and carried.

The meeting then terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

ATTENDANCE

The following were present:—
Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields (chairman)

ADJUSTMENT OF RICE PRICES IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Dec. 18 (Central).—More than 30 public organisations in Shanghai are forming a Shanghai Citizens' Foodstuffs Adjustment Association with a view to stabilising the rice prices which have soared skyhigh recently.

The Shanghai Beans and Rice Merchants Union, at a meeting on Saturday, passed a resolution to further lower the price to \$40 for best quality and \$32 for second quality rice.

The meeting also decided to petition the Shanghai Municipal Council to protect legitimate rice merchants.

Messrs. J. M. Braga, S. Churn, H. A. V. Croucher, B. C. Travadia, H. Dreyer, C. W. L. Cole, H. P. Bailey, F. J. Travers, J. P. Pereira, K. C. Marsh, S. M. Bander (representing Mrs. M. E. Bander) and Mr. A. A. Botelho (secretary).

Salt Digging In Alashan

LANCHOW, Dec. 18 (Central).—To ensure an adequate supply of table salt for Honan and Shensi, the Mongolian authorities of Alashan Banner, Ninghsia, have instructed the local populace to redouble their efforts in salt digging there. Camels will be used for the shipments of the salt.

Most of the salt for military use in Honan and Shensi provinces following the outbreak of the war has been from the Northwest, of which Alashan Banner is the most notable salt producing district.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted Monday, Dec. 18, 1939.

Banks	13	\$1,350.00
Docks	200	19.45
Docks	500	19.50
Hotels	1,500	5.10
Hotels	500	5.05
China Lights (O)	1,500	8.20
Ropes	500	6.00
Telephones (N)	500	8.80
Watsons	400	8.85
Coco Grove	10,000	Pd 0.174

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1 " Hunt's Old Brown Sherry)

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1 qt. Sparkling Burgundy)
1 " Vin Mousseux)
1 " Black & White Whisky)
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin) = \$33.00
1 " Hunt's Old Brown Sherry)
1 " Gordon's Peppermint)
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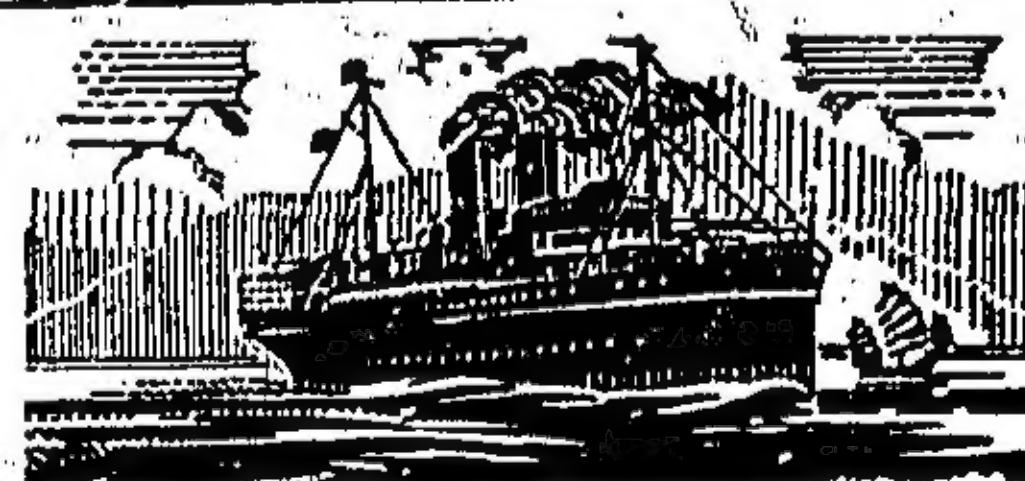
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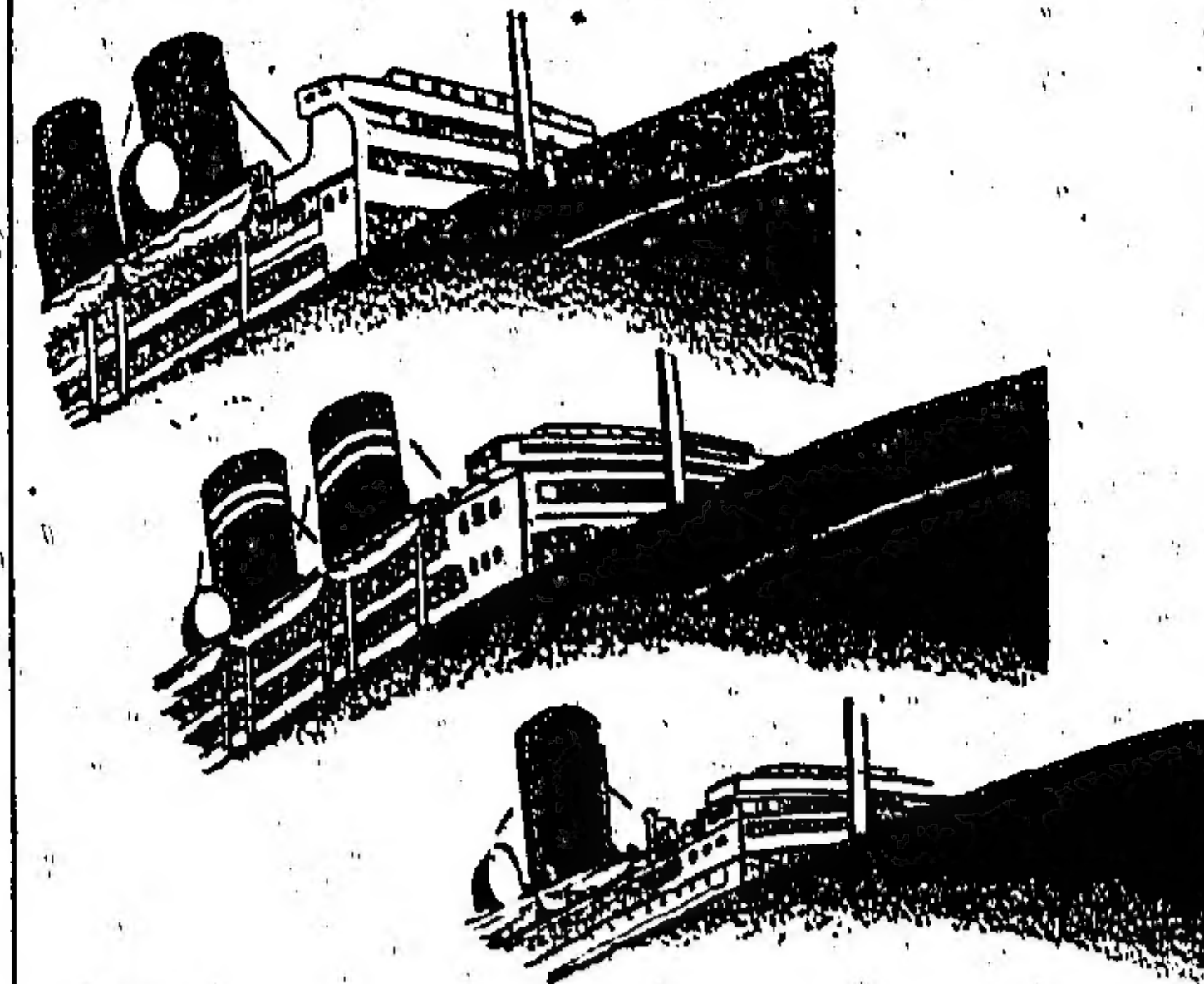
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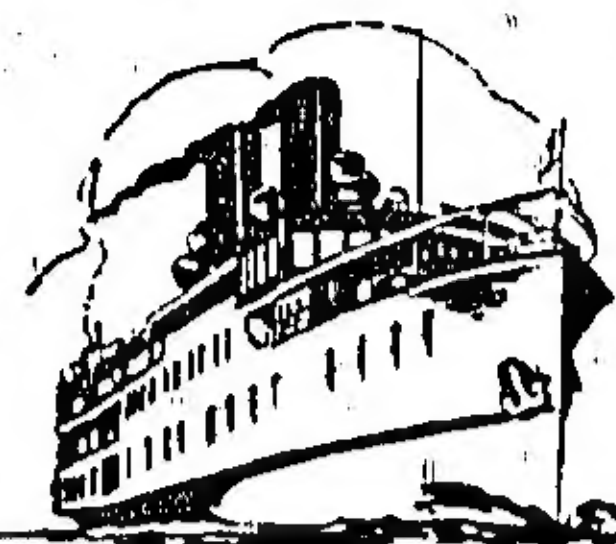
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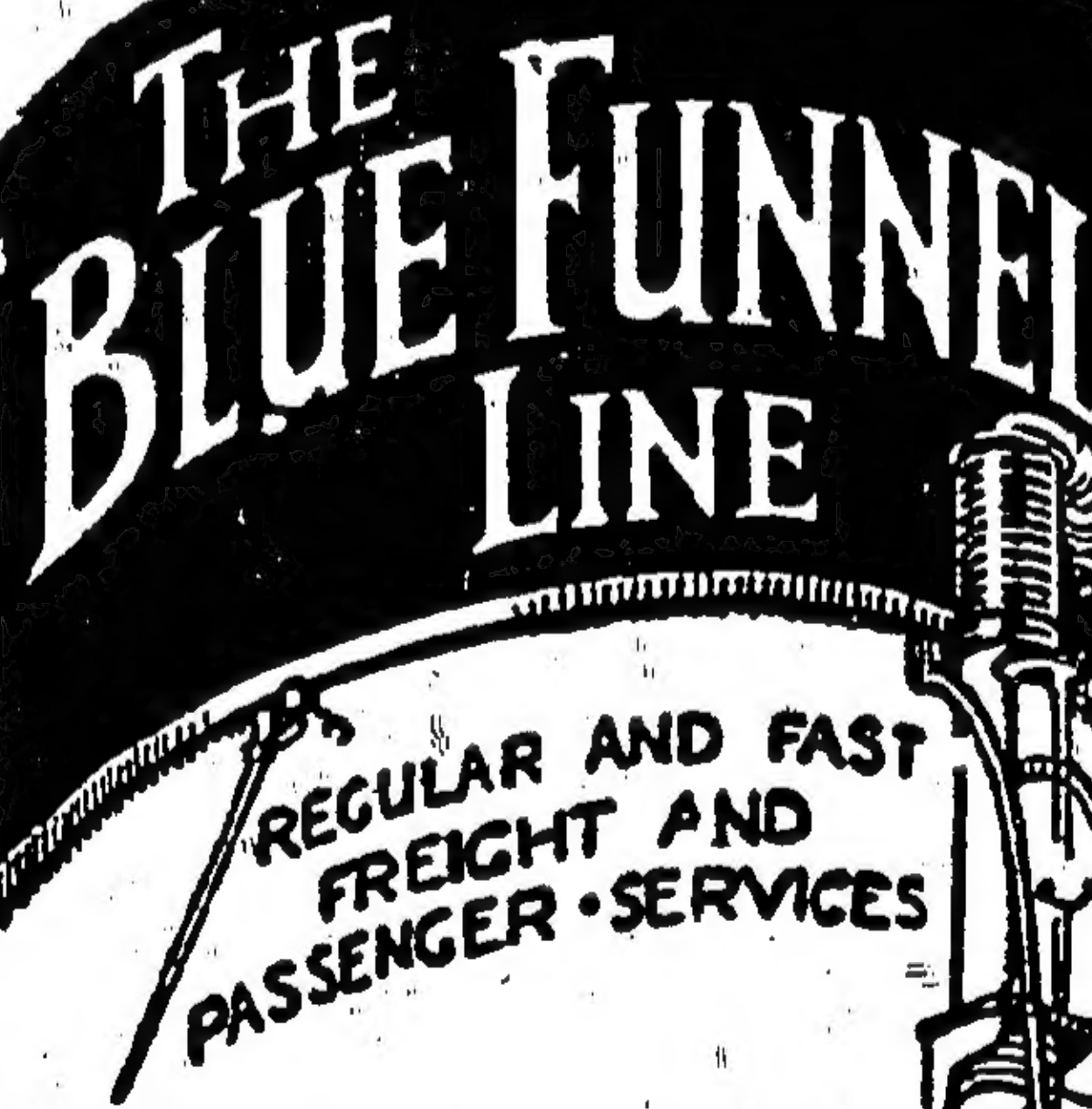
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CHINA WAR NEWS

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DRIVE REPULSED

A Japanese unit driving eastward from Hsianghsien has been used by the Chinese, sustaining heavy casualties. At Changkuotien, Wangyukow and Changtienchen, east of Hsianghsien, there has been intermittent fighting. Maochichih was heavily bombed by three Japanese planes on Saturday.

Chinese forces pushing towards Changse, Japanese stronghold in southeast Shansi, are nearing the western outskirts. A Chinese detachment is driving a wedge into the Japanese highway.

THREAT TO KONGMOON

SHIUHUNG, Dec. 18 (Central)—Chinese forces in the Delta region made considerable progress during the week-end in the attack on Kongmoon. Both Litsun and Sheunglung, two important bases on the immediate outskirts of Kongmoon, have returned to Chinese hands on Saturday.

Chinese guerrilla units now permeate a wide area immediately north and west of Kongmoon, where Japanese communication lines are all cut.

The Chinese advance on the Kongmoon-Sunwui-Hokshan highway made further progress on Saturday and Sunday.

JAPANESE ATTACK

WEIWEUNG, Dec. 18 (Central)—Japanese forces have resumed their activities on the East River near Tsengshing where a mixed regiment of 1,000 mounted men and foot soldiers launched a drive on Tsingkuhu on Saturday morning.

At Suio, north of Tsengshing, Chinese defenders are resisting a Japanese mechanized unit driving from east of Tsingkuhu.

NEAR NANCHANG

KWEILIN, Dec. 18 (Central)—Chinese forces attacking Nanchang are now ten miles from the former Kiangsi provincial capital, according to latest military despatches from the front.

Fierce fighting around the city continued throughout the week-end at a dozen points where Chinese successes were reported. The Chinese unit which recaptured Wuchi eleven miles west of Nanchang, has made further progress on the highway.

Chinese forces have completely cut Japanese communication lines between Nanchang, Kaoan and Fenghsin. Japanese units at the three cities are isolated and fighting disconcerted engagements against the Chinese.

The section of the highway between Tacheng and Siangfukwan have been cleared of Japanese forces. Abandoning Tacheng yesterday afternoon, the invaders are retreating towards Sishan and Wanshoukung to the southeast.

CHINESE ATTACKS

NANYANG, HONAN, Dec. 18 (Central)—Chinese units are continuing their attacks on the Japanese in South Honan, in support of the Chinese offensives in north Hupeh.

Fierce fighting has been in progress around Changtawkwan, 14 miles north of Sinyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

The Japanese headquarters at Changtawkwan and their gun emplacements at Wenchangku have been subjected to heavy bombardments by Chinese artillery, suffering considerable losses. The Japanese ammunition dumps at the Changtawkwan railway station and Wangchang were also hit and set fire by Chinese shells.

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REFUGEES RELIEF WORK

KWEILIN, Dec. 18 (Central)—The Kwangsi Provincial Government is sparing no efforts in the relief of war refugees in the province.

It has appropriated \$100,000 as a relief reserve fund.

Besides, it has marked off Pashih, Ishan, and Tiempao as refugee centres. In each of these, a special committee is to be formed to take charge of relief

work. Refugee children are to be transported to places of comparative safety where they will be well taken care of.

The provincial authorities strictly forbid the return of refugees to areas occupied by the Japanese.

At the joint memorial service of the Central Party Headquarters and the National Government in Chungking yesterday morning, Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, reported that international sympathy continues to be favourable to China. Mr. Sun, who has just returned from an extensive tour in Europe, said that international sympathy and admiration for China's gallant resistance against Japanese invasion is not diminished but is increasing, says Central News.

Dr. G. A. C. Herklots will be the speaker at the weekly tithe meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club today. His subject will be "Mountain and Forest Scenes in Central Africa" (illustrated with lantern slides).

"Pingchingkwan, strategic pass on the Honan-Hupeh border 17 miles north of Yingshan, has been surrounded by Chinese units.

Following a series of Chinese pincer movements, the Japanese at Fengchiachwan have been dislodged from the positions and retreated to Kaolienpo, northeast of Fengchiachwan.

Wangchang in the neighbourhood is still besieged by the Chinese.

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 18

(Central)—Chinese drives against the Japanese in Central and North Hupeh continue to be crowned with success.

On the Suhsien-Yingshan sector, the Chinese have regained more important points including Kucheng, Huangchiachih, Sianhsia-chi Sanyangshan Kuenshan.

The Japanese have suffered serious losses. With their communications cut, they are in a precarious position.

The Japanese beleaguered at Yunglung, 100 miles west of Hankow, are facing annihilation as their contacts with outside have been entirely cut.

JAPANESE LOSS

SHIUHUNG, Dec. 15 (Central)—It is now learned at least 200 Japanese officers and men were killed and wounded during the railway mishap near Slutong station on the Canton-Samsui Railway on Dec. 13. The train struck a land mine laid by Chinese guerrillas.

NORTH HUNAN

MILO, Dec. 18 (Central)—Continued progress is made by Chinese forces on the north Hunan front north of the Sinsiang River.

Wulpai and Yunchi, southwest of Yanghsze on the Canton-Hankow Railway above Yoyang, were recaptured by Chinese forces yesterday morning. The Japanese at these two points have retreated to Lingsiang.

To the southeast of Yoyang, Chinese forces regained Tsiklapu and Tangkiapallou yesterday. A whole Japanese company was wiped out in the engagement which preceded the Chinese success.

In South Hupeh, fierce fighting raged near Tsungyang and Tashaping.

NORTHWARD PUSH

SHIUHUNG, Dec. 18 (Int'l)—Japanese engineering corps are feverishly preparing the Canton-Hankow Railway, between Canton and Yinchengao, over a distance of about 60 miles in order to resume the push northward.

It is possible that the Japanese have a design to advance farther northward, hence the Chinese counter-move to press southward was renewed today by attacking the enemy positions north of Yinchengao and south of Yuentan on the railway.

Hoyuen on the East River beyond Watchow was heavily bombed by Japanese army planes on Dec. 16.

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DETAINED IN GERMANY

BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (Reuter)—Mr. George Gordon Medlicott Vereker, M.C., Acting Counselor at the British Embassy in Moscow, is presumed to have been detained in Germany following the interception by a German warship of the steamer in which he was travelling to England.

ON WAY HOME

Mr. Vereker left Moscow ten days ago en route to England whence he was going to Bolivia as Minister.

He travelled to Tallinn, where he board an Estonian ship to Stockholm. The ship was, however, intercepted and taken to Swinemund, where Mr. Vereker was taken off.

Mr. Vereker, who is 50 years of age, has been Acting Counselor at the Embassy in Moscow since 1937. He served in the last Great War and entered the Diplomatic Service in 1919, since when he has seen service in Cairo, Peking, Budapest, Warsaw and Stockholm. He was attached to the Foreign Office from 1930-1932 and again in 1936-1937.

Kwangtung Notes

DISCRIMINATION FORBIDDEN

SHIUHUNG, Dec. 18 (Central)—The Kwangtung Provincial Department of Finance has issued an order strictly prohibiting discrimination against old Kwangtung notes.

The order states that recently discrimination was shown by the people against old and worn notes. At a number of places, especially in Chungshan and the Delta regions, only mint notes were accepted by the public while slightly worn and even new notes with folding marks were refused.

Such discrimination not only affects local finance but also endangers production in the rear and hampers the war of resistance, and must be strictly forbidden, the order says.

Really old and worn notes no longer fit for circulation may be readily changed for new notes at any of the branches of the Kwangtung Provincial Bank, the order states.

THEFT OF WALLET

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Court yesterday, charged with the theft of a wallet from room No. 309, Tao Chung Wah Boarding House, and with possession of instruments for an unlawful purpose, Cheung Kwok-king, 23, unemployed, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and was recommended for banishment.

The defendant climbed into the room from his own, and was carrying a toy pistol and imitation dagger to effect his theft.

Lieut. Hemcastle has reported the loss of \$181 from a drawer on board a warship at the Naval Dockyard.

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	Wed. 20th
	K.P.O.
Reg. 19th 5.00 PM	
Ord. 19th 5.30 PM	
	G.P.O.
Reg. 19th 5.00 PM	
Ord. 2 th 7.30 AM	
Shanghai and Straits only for Tientsin.	10.30 AM
Haiphong (Parcels only).	1.00 PM
Haiphong	2.00 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
	G.P.O.
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 28th December.	Reg. 5.00 PM
Straits.	Ord. 7.00 PM
	THURSDAY
	Thu. 21st
Saigon.	9.30 AM
Amoy and Straits only for Shanghai.	2.30 PM
Japan.	3.30 PM
Amoy.	7.00 PM
	FRIDAY
	Fri. 22nd
Dairen.	9.30 AM
Shanghai.	10.30 AM
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	3.30 PM
	K.P.O.
Reg. 5.00 PM	
Ord. 5.30 PM	
	G.P.O.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th January 1940.	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	SATURDAY
	Sat. 23rd
Saigon.	10.30 AM

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BADMINTON LEAGUE

In the Hongkong Badminton League yesterday, playing at the University Gymnasium, the University "A" beat the University "B".

Following are the results of the games:—

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yung ("A") beat C. K. Chea and K. B. Low 24-21, beat T. C. Pang and T. T. Chin 21-7.

P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim ("A") lost to Chin and Pang 24-19, beat K. S. Yeo and T. B. Teow 21-3 beat Chea and Low 21-10.

C. K. Lee and H. F. Chun ("A") beat Yeo and Teow 21-16, beat Chin and Low 21-9, beat Pang and Chin 21-6.

Dr. G. A. C. Herklots will be the speaker at the weekly tithe meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club today. His subject will be "Mountain and Forest Scenes in Central Africa" (illustrated with lantern slides).

C.I.C. GIVES WORK TO THOUSANDS IN W. CHINA

Thousands of refugees and unemployed in western China are spending this winter in productive labour as the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives work to fill an order for 400,000 wollen blankets. It is learned from the Hongkong Promotion Committee of the C.I.C.

The blankets are being made in two lots: 220,000 in the Northwest to be delivered in eastern Shensi, and 110,000 in Szechwan to be taken to Chungking.

Advance payments of \$2,000,000 have been received by the C.I.C. to buy cotton, wool and native dyes, and to train and support workmen, says Central News.

REFUGEES RELIEF WORK

KWEILIN, Dec. 18 (Central)—The Kwangsi Provincial Government is sparing no efforts in the relief of war refugees in the province.

It has appropriated \$100,000 as a relief reserve fund.

Besides, it has marked off Pashih, Ishan, and Tiempao as refugee centres. In each of these, a special committee is to be formed to take charge of relief